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WASHINGTON.

Probabilities of Northern Pacific Forfeiture.

THE RETALIATORY MEASURE

A Resolution Introduced in the House Urging the President to Say What Coast Defenses are Needed.

WASHINGTON Jan 31—Senate committee on conference on the forfeiture o Northern Pacific grant and a minority of the house committee, hope that some action will yet be taken this session to forfeit at least the Wallula branch Representative Van Eaton of Mississippi, the member of the house conference committee who holds that congress has the legal power to forfeit only the uncompleted portions of the road, talked freely to night which I asked for his view on this question He said Messrs Cobb and Payson the majority of the house conference committee have acted precipitately in this matter There is no reason in the world why the house should not adopt the senate bill for the forfeiture of lands adjacent to uncompleted lines for that bill expressly states that by its passage the right to hereafter forfeit other portions of the grant is not waived Every member of the house knows that the senate will not agree to forfeit the grant between Bismarck and Wallula Every member knows too that if Messrs Cobb and Payson should rise in their seats and ask the house to pass the bill forfeiting the Wallula branch within a week that bill would be ready to be presented to the president for his approval Then if the radical members of the house wanted to put themselves on record by passing a measure forfeiting the grant between Bismarck and Wallula they could do so

There is another thing I can state and state it with positiveness continued Mr Van Eaton the failure of the conference committee of the two houses to secure action on some forfeiture bill must be charged to the house committee, not to the senate Nearly if not every day since the holidays, certainly every day for the past week Mr Dolph chairman of the senate committee, has come over to the house and talked with one or all the members of our committee urging action on the senate bill A man could not ju iciously be more persistent about any measure than he has been about this But Mr Cobb under various pretexts has not yet acted I agree with the senate committee in their policy and I think we have about perfected a plan when by some action will be apparent within a few days.

These words are strong ones coming from a democrat, a member of a political party that has apparently delayed action on some of the most important railroad grants to order that for political effect they might be held up as red flags to excite an excitable people.

THE O R & N LEASE

With reference to the lease of the O R & N to the Union Pacific Elijah Smith, who is in this city, tells me that up to a few weeks ago most of the attorneys who had examined into the case held that the Oregon Short Line could legally lease the first named line Judge Dillon general counsel for the Union Pacific company was very decided in his opinion that this could be done. About the first of the month, however, other attorneys were called in, and after a consultation and exchange of views an agreement was reached that it was at least necessary that the Oregon legislature should expressly grant the O R & N Co authority to lease its road before a legal lease could be effected. Mr Smith intimates if he does not so state in direct words that if the Oregon legislature grants the authority asked, the lease may be regarded as a certainty.

HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Jan 31.—Lawler, of Illinois offered the following preamble and resolutions

WHEREAS The all great power of the Canadian press and the announcement that Great Britain will at once dispatch a fleet of war ships to cruise in the waters of the Canadian coast line, indicate hostility towards the United States growing out of the questions of the fisheries dispute and

WHEREAS Admiral Porter has directed attention that twenty seven of our Atlantic Gulf and Pacific harbors are absolutely defenseless, and eleven of them ports, New York San Francisco Boston Hampton Roads, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Washington Baltimore, Portland Me., and Rhode Island ports, Narragansett bay are in urgent need of defense and,

WHEREAS, It is alleged that Great Britain and Canada are in possession of charts and exemplars of ports and harbors of all our lake and coast defenses, therefore,

Resolved, That the president be and is hereby requested, as commander in chief of the army and navy to inform this house of reports and what if any they what steps if any he necessary in his judgment, to provide for this emergency

The resolution was referred

By Boutelle, of Maine a resolution directing the committee on foreign affairs to report back forth with the senate retaliation bill

By Lovering of Massachusetts resolutions of the Massachusetts legislature in favor of the retaliation bill

By McRea, of Arkansas, prohibiting members of congress from acting as attorneys or employes for railroad companies holding charters or having grants of land or pecuniary aid from the United States McRea asked for its immediate consideration but Parker, of New York objected.

CONSIDERATION OF THE WAHALLA BOLE

The house then went into committee of the whole on the agricultural appropriation bill After slight amendments the bill was reported to the house and passed

The house then went into committee of the whole Springer, of Illinois in the chair on the bill to consolidate certain bureaus of the navy department

Herbert of Alabama, explained that the chief object of the bill was to consolidate, under one head bureaus concerned in the building and equipment of ships As an instance of the abuse which existed under the present system he stated that the construction of the New York a wooden vessel was begun in 1861 and the last stroke of work done on her was in 1865 For thirteen years she sat upon the stocks in Brooklyn and then in 1881 a lieutenant of engineering built boilers for her which remain to day in the Washington yard Under the pending bill one man would be responsible for constructing and superintending and he would not start fifteen years after work had been started on a vessel to make boilers for her If he did he would deserve to be court martialed At this point the committee rose and the house adjourned

SENATE

WASHINGTON Jan 31—Hoar presented resolutions of the Massachusetts legislature concerning the treatment of American fishing vessels in Canadian waters declaring itself in favor of retaliation to the extent of denying to vessels of the British American provinces the right to purchase supplies and the eventual exclusion of all Canadian products by land and sea, until the offensive legislation and action of the Canadian authorities are discontinued, referred

A number of bills from committees were reported and placed on the calendar

The senate then proceeded to the consideration of the bankruptcy civil appropriation bill

At 2 o'clock the railroad attorney bill was laid before the senate as unfinished business but it was soon informally laid aside and the consideration of the bankruptcy bill proceeded with After some discussion the reading of the bill was resumed In the course of a discussion on a point of order Mr Edmunds expressed particularly the views which the senate would provide for a hundred new cruisers

After disposing of 56 pages of the bill out of 101 the senate adjourned

CONGRESSIONAL CHIT CHAT

THE RETALIATORY MEASURE

WASHINGTON Jan 31—The action taken by Messrs Belmont Clements and Ellis the sub committee of the committee on foreign affairs, on the fisheries question is understood to be as follows A majority of the sub committee felt that whatever course was taken by the house should be in full view of the gravity of the interests involved and with full knowledge of but with the full assent and active concurrence of the administration They therefore determined to forward copies of the Edmunds-Frelinghuysen resolutions to the senate the Belmont retaliatory bill as introduced in the senate and the Belmont retaliatory bill as reported by the foreign affairs committee, together with the letters Bayard and Manning secretary Manning was specially asked for an expression of his views and preferences on the bills submitted as bearing upon the interests committed by law to his supervision and both the secretary of the treasury and the secretary of state are asked to suggest any modification which may seem to them desirable in either measure The earliest date with reply solicited Therefore as has been stated that the reason for this course has been the fact that the recent actions of the senate on certain financial questions has been resented by the administration having been taken in relation to the fisheries question and the house committee determined to stand right on the record in this regard

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS.

REACHED AN AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON Jan 31—The naval sub-committee on construction has reached a [illegible] which will doubtless receive the approval of the full committee looking to an appropriation for the construction of two 4000-ton cruisers of the New York type five 1,600-ton gunboats patterned after gunboat No 1, and three sea going torpedo boats There is an intention on the part of several members of the committee when the construction bill is reached in the house to move an increase of the super position so as to provide for the construction of at least three vessels in addition to those already described

HEIRS TO A GREAT ESTATE

WILKESBARRE Pa Jan 31—Alderman G S Groll of this city received intelligence this afternoon that his family has just become heirs to an estate in Holland valued at $75,000,000 In 1777 the great grandfather of the alderman was exiled from Holland and his estate confiscated by the government. He came to this country and his descendants are now scattered over the Western states except a few in New York This government has just passed a bill restoring the estate with interest and improvements, to the family The estate is said to be worth the above mentioned sum

MANNING'S SUCCESSOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—The finger of rumor points to Congressman Wm L. Scott as the probable successor of Secretary Manning but Scott himself states that he would not take the office Notwithstanding Scott's protestations, it is everywhere believed that he not only would take it but that he would want the treasury portfolio if it were tendered him A feeling that he is to be the financial successor

THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE

WASHINGTON Jan 31 The president to day signed the act granting pensions to soldiers and sailors of the Mexican war, and the following, Authorizing certain public lands to the city of San Antonio Tex and an act providing for a change of the [illegible] of cavalry and light artillery and for the consolidation of [illegible] companies of artillery and sundry certain army posts

LITTLE DEBT STATEMENT

WASHINGTON Jan 31—The public debt statement to be issued to-morrow will show a decrease of about $566 000 in the debt since January 1 The expenditures during January were $8 031 661 being about $1 600 000 less than the receipts for the same month last year The receipts for January 1887 were $9 600 000 being $1 600 000 less than expenditures for January 1886

TURPENTINE

WASHINGTON, Jan 31—The president to day appointed Robert M Jones to be postmaster at Chico Cal

CANADA

THE FISHERIES QUESTION

NEW YORK Jan 31 A Toronto dispatch to the News states that the present position of Canada in relation to the fisheries is regarded in a much more serious light by the Canadian and imperial government than by the leading newspapers and people generally It is stated that the government believes it necessary for England to send forces to Canada without delay, and that one or two war ships will remain at Halifax to be ready for any emergency It was intended some time ago to send a number of representative battalions of volunteers from different parts of Canada to take part in Queen Victoria's jubilee but now they understand that the trip has been canceled

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

The *Times* Ottawa, special says Considerable excitement has been caused among navy pensioners now residing in Canada, both seamen and marines, by the receipt of a circular from the British admiralty calling upon all pensioners under 55 years of age to hold themselves in readiness for naval service The circular also requests an immediate answer as to age, whether the pensioner is from long service an invalid whether a gunner or torpedo artificer and to stand the nearest ship of war when he will undergo examination Pay during embodyment are to be paid by the British government. For not complying with the order the pensioner will forfeit his pension and at the discretion of the government may be arrested and punished as a deserter Since the Crimean war only one such circular has been issued

ENGLAND WILL SEND OUT BOATS

TORONTO, Ont., Jan 31.—An Ottawa correspondent of the Mail says Yesterday the announcement was made that the imperial government has consented to send men of war out next season to assist in the protection of the Canadian fisheries To the people of the United States doubtless this would be anything but palatable information but as a matter of fact it is simply following a precedent established before the Washington treaties came into operation A prominent official on being interviewed as to the correctness of the report said It is true that the imperial gunboats next spring to aid the marine police in the enforcing of our fishery rights

GERMANY

DANGER OF A GREAT CONFLICT

BERLIN Jan 31—The committee of the national liberal party has issued a manifesto to the electors They say Never since the Franco-German war has the danger of a great conflict been so near No statesman can form any certain conclusion as to the future, even for a few weeks. The peace of Europe rests at this moment solely upon the strength, readiness for action and moral trustworthiness of the German army The national liberals are confident that the love of universal suffrage will pronounce the right decision An unpropitious issue of the election will bring down upon the country war with all its terrors and its results – heavy losses

THE FATE OF THE *POST*

BERLIN Jan 31—The *Post* (semi official) in a leading article headed 'On the edge of the knife' says The position of Geo Boulanger is now not only strengthened but becoming unassailable"

ENGLAND.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AT SEA

LONDON Jan 31—The British ship Kapunda which left London December 11 for Fremantle Western Australia with emigrants came into collision near the coast of Brazil with an unknown vessel and was sunk Three hundred of those on board were drowned The remainder were saved and have arrived at Falmouth The Kapunda was an iron ship of 1864 tons She was commanded by Capt Masson

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

LONDON, Jan 31—Baron Denman in the house of lords this afternoon moved a second reading of the woman's suffrage Bill On motion of Marquis Salisbury the motion was rejected without division

IRELAND

THE BELFAST RIOTS

BELFAST Jan 31—The city is quiet to day The [illegible] arrested on Saturday night and last [illegible] arraigned to day and remanded for trial

A GROSS OUTRAGE

PORTLAND Jan 31

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

Among the best and most just of Oregon's numerous statutes is the one granting taxpaying women the right of suffrage in school matters and restricting it to men on the same terms Yet the house of representatives of the present legislature in the immensity of its wisdom and under the leadership of that eminent statesman Lark Bilyeu has decided to amend this just and admirable law so that men of every class can have their say in school affairs whether they have any real interest in them or not while women are to be deprived of all voice in educational matters, even if they are taxpayers and notwithstanding that nine tenths of our teachers are of the tabooed sex In the first instance it is claimed that men should vote on the school suffrage because it is an abridgement of a citizen's prerogatives to deny him the right to vote on any and all public questions In the second there are some state senators who think women should have it even if taxpayers because—well—or they're women you know and their place is at home Yet the supreme court has repeatedly held that women are citizens

Their notion of this discrimination is so apparent that only the average Oregonian law giver could make it as a good and sufficient excuse for such a palpable inconsistency and outrageous injustice

As the republicans have a majority in the legislature, the question naturally arises, can their leaders afford by their very shoulder the responsibility of their retrograde movement For it is retrograde of the most marked character Not only will this shove back into the depths of [illegible] all that means—but the rights of one class of citizens will be abridged simply to gratify the prejudice of a certain narrow minded set of law makers

If this proposition to disfranchise women be carried as it will be a virtual confirmation of the suspicion that it was instigated by the republican managers as a retaliatory measure for Gatlin's defeat by Mrs Cove in this county last June It is well known that the reputed bosses are for [illegible] all they can get and it is also well known that Ralph Hoyt and Daly are just the the sort of democratic statesmen (?) who would be willing to assist in such an infamous proceeding Therefore looking at the matter from a republican stand point and waiving the question of right that is involved it seems to me that the republican leaders owe it to their party to see that this mischievous measure is defeated

Twenty Four Hours to Live

[illegible] Lafayette Ind who [illegible] that I am perfectly [illegible] I was taking paregoric [illegible] for [illegible] My friend then [illegible] a bottle [illegible] BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS [illegible] I [illegible] and took a dose [illegible] I am now in perfect health [illegible] other medicine

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DOMESTIC NEWS.

The New York Strike Still Further Complicated.

EMPLOYERS STILL UNYIELDING

A Son of August Belmont, the New York Banker Shoots Himself, Probably Accidentally—Some Revolutionary Talk.

NEW YORK, Jan 31—The strike took a new phase to day It not only involves additional longshoremen, who went out this morning, but also the freight handlers of the railways, thus tightening the blockade on transportation and adding other thousands to the thousands already idle Apparently by mere accident action, committees of the freight handlers of a number of roads to day presented formulated demands on the manager ment and it is understood that similar demands will be made on the managers of all roads leading into this city The freight handlers of the Pennsylvania Railway company, employed on the company's North river piers to day notified the managers that unless the rate of wages was increased from 17 to 20 cents per hour a general strike would follow all along the company's docks The company was given until to morrow noon to consider the demand There are about 2000 men employed on the piers Demands were also made by the freight handlers employed by the Central railroad of New Jersey and by the New York Lake Erie & Western, for increased wages, and threatening immediately to quit work if their demands are not complied with Concessions asked for were refused absolutely At the offices of the New Jersey Central it was ascertained that a committee of five waited upon the receivers this morning and presented a demand for increased wages for the freight handlers and other employes, and insisting on an answer at or before 3 o'clock this afternoon The receivers met them again at that hour to give them a written reply in which they declined to comply with the demand The committee took their departure and immediately afterwards the freight handlers of the company on pier 8 went out on a strike Among the demands of the committee was that the coal strike as far as the Central railroad of New Jersey is concerned be settled in twenty four hours after pressing this petition In the course of its reply the company says We expect to give equal pay to clerks and others who are employed in similar positions, provided they are equally qualified to fill their positions but we can not recognize the propriety of paying all alike without regard to expertness or efficiency We state that we will not handle any freight that has been previously handled by non union men As receiver of a company that has been operated for years it is our duty to handle any freight presented to us, whether the same has been previously handled by non union men or otherwise We shall do our utmost to perform this duty You demand that the strike be settled as far as our railroad is concerned in twenty four hours This strike does not exist among our employes, and it is for others not for us to settle

NON UNION MEN AT WORK

Several more ocean steamers arrived to-day The non union men are working better and there is now no more freight piled up as on Saturday

In Brooklyn the strikers are quiet and orderly Freight is being moved slowly by Italians and non union handlers There is much embarrassment in consequence

NEW YORK Jan 31—An official order issued yesterday at the longshoremen's convention ordering out members of several unions to the number of 1500, had very little effect on business at the East river piers to day In most cases the order covered unions whose members were already out. It is stated there was little or no change in the situation affairs on the New York side of East river The number of non union men at work is largely increasing

WAS IT SUICIDE?

A Son of August Belmont, the Well Known Banker, Shoots Himself.

NEW YORK Jan 31—Word reached police headquarters at 9 o'clock this morning that Raymond Belmont, son of August Belmont, the well known banker, was found dead at No 37 Fifth avenue, associated with the Belmont banking house at 12 Pine street

In the evening Raymond went out to dinner He returned shortly before 1 o clock this morning with Leonard Behr, night watchman with whom the young man was well acquainted and who frequently accompanied him home They went to the basement where there was a shooting gallery, at which young Belmont, who was an expert shot, frequently practiced He also had revolvers and guns Mr Behr entered the room and found Belmont picked up a double acting Smith & Wesson revolver of 32 caliber, and turning to Behr said

Now I want you to go and hold up a gold collar button in your hand and I will shoot it out."

Behr, who had frequently seen the young man shoot, and had great confidence in him at once agreed to do this Before taking up his position, however young Belmont turned to him and said

Oh, first close all the doors so that the report may not alarm father who is up stairs"

Thereupon Behr walked over to the door, and had just put his hand upon the knob when he heard the report of the pistol, Turning he saw young Belmont falling to the floor blood gushing from a wound in the right side of his head.

My God Raymond, he cried, what have you done?"

He bent over the young man, who opened his eyes and looked at him, tried to speak, but could not. Behr bounded up the stairs, the young man's father who was all alone in the house Young Belmont died soon after the bullet entered his brain

The coroner found that the bullet had passed clear through the skull, entering the right side of the head and coming out at the left The watchman said the shooting was accidental, but the coroner learned all the information possible It was evident that young Belmont had taken considerable wine with his dinner

Mrs Belmont is in Washington with Congressman Perry Belmont. She was notified by telegraph this morning

LATER.—Coroner Eagan said to-day he had no doubt the shooting of Belmont was due to an accidental discharge of the revolver. He made some inquiries and acquainted himself with the facts sufficiently taken in connection with other circumstances to feel assured that the case was not one of suicide

REVOLUTIONARY TALK

Senator Ingalls Wants to See Canada Annexed to the United States

CHICAGO Jan 31—[illegible] Washington special In an interview Senator Ingalls declared himself with characteristic emphasis in favor of the annexation of Canada and not only Canada but also the entire Central American states. Since his vigorous speech on the fisheries bill he has received 10 letters a day, and they are still coming in in steadily increasing numbers He has received a good many from Canada and they are all anonymous vituperative and vindictive and insolent to the last degree These received from all parts of the United States are congratulatory and enthusiastic, and one of the attacks of the English and Canadian press of late Ingalls said "They are attempting to divert the issue from the gravity of the accusation to the indelicate conduct of the accuser We have been submissive and so forbearing in the past that the world is coming to believe us a nation of cowards There has been so much transfusion of the dry rot of Anglo Saxonism into our social system, and our sense about kindred blood that there has been temporary aberration of intellect and suspension of self respect on the part of the American people who formed that Canada and Mexico are the two on the face of the earth It is time that America awoke to the fact that statesmanship of the nineteenth century requires the annexation of this continent under one homogenous government from the frozen sea to the intercoeanic canal, wherever it be built. That canal should be our southern boundary My dream and I believe the settled conviction of the American people is a continental republic. That is our manifest destiny that is the inevitable tendency of the political forces of the American people and their only safety and instead of wasting our power in petty intrigues with savages for a naval station in the Pacific sea a wise and more commanding policy would be to establish relations of international friendship with our Canadian neighbors on the north and our Spanish neighbors on the south and not permit the machinations of Great Britain to foment discord, which will defer such alliance or render it impossible

MINISTER PENDLETON

He Talks Freely to an Associated Press Reporter On Old World Subjects.

NEW YORK Jan 31—Hon George H Pendleton U S minister to Germany who arrived here on the steamer Saala yesterday, was seen by a reporter to day Pendleton was asked as to his views on the possibility of war in Europe and the general feeling in regard to it in the German capital He replied that he had been on the ocean for nearly two weeks hence was unadvised as to recent developments in the premier Since he landed Mr Pendleton had not been able to catch up on the news

The situation he remarked when I left Berlin was very much strained The powers of Europe from a general feeling of insecurity have been making immense preparations There are [illegible] military works and armaments on every side of Berlin Von Moltke says that it was a condition of affairs that must have a solution It may have changed since then The reichstag was dissolved by the queen on the [illegible] bill on the Friday before I left Berlin Nothing new occured before I sailed

Mr Pendleton said that he could not see that any war in Germany desired war In fact every effort was being made to avoid it The old emperor was extremely anxious to have peace during his time Bismarck was not ready for war now He would not be ready until the military bill had been passed and the army reorganized.

"In fact" added the ambassador, "it seems to me that Bismarck would accord heartily with any proposition for peace with honor The emperor will in a short time celebrate his 90th birthday Bismarck is 72, nearly as old. Both wish for peace The middle classes are not anxious for war as the burden will fall heavily on them. There are however certain classes in all countries whose condition would be advanced by war But the great mass of people desire peace Their opinions however, count for nothing Von Moltke, Bismarck and two or three others settle such matters In France Gen Boulanger leads One peculiar thing would strike Americans in Europe That is how little the people influence the policy of the rulers

Mr Pendleton then spoke at some length of the struggle of the reichstag over the bill providing for an increase of 62 000 men for the army for a period of seven years of its adversary by Bismarck and the refusal of the reichstag to grant it for more than three years and of the immediate dissolution of that body practically as the story was told at the time, from day to day in associated press dispatches. Pendleton concluded with the remark that it was impossible to tell what the result might be Everything depends on the decision of the chancellor

EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

EXPLOSION ON A STEAMSHIP

NEW YORK Jan. 31—At 5 o'clock this afternoon the steamship Guyandotte sailed from her pier in this city for Norfolk When off Long Branch an explosion occurred in the after part of the saloon by which Capt Kelly and James Justice were slightly injured The explosion is believed to have been from dynamite packed in a satchel that had been left in the closet room The steamer almost put about, and arrived at her dock at 10 30 to night The amount of the damage to the vessel has not been obtained yet. The Guyandotte left with a general cargo although only partly loaded She carried five saloon and fifteen steerage passengers, with a crew of forty two persons It was discovered that a hole about fifteen feet square had been caused by the explosion through the main and hurricane decks, and much damage had been done to the saloon and to the outside joiner work on the main deck The cabin was filled with splinters of timber The vessel was uninjured but the captain deemed the vessel in no condition to continue the voyage and he put back A stranger was seen hurrying from the closet where the explosion occurred a few moments before the sailed He was about 35 years old 5 feet 6 inches high, and carried a satchel when first seen but had none when he left the ship The captain will see no one to night No person has been permitted on board and the pier of the company is guarded by the police

THE BRIGHAM YOUNG SENSATION

LINCOLN, Neb, Jan 31—In confirmation of the report that Brigham Young, Jr was living in this section here and soon is to enter into the role of the resurrected It may be stated that it is a well known fact that elders of the Mormon church throughout Utah and Arizona of late have been preaching the return of the prophet This together with the fact that it was claimed by a St Louis man some months ago that Young was seen and recognized in London, that a number of prominent Mormons from Salt Lake city had lately been seen upon the streets of Lincoln that important legislation is about to be enacted to the detriment of the Mormon church and the mystery with which the prophet's death has always been shrouded makes it almost certain that Mormon manipulators throughout the world soon be unfurled announcing that he is risen

NEW YORK POLITICS

NEW YORK, Jan 31—The republicans have just completed their annual city enrollment The result is such as to greatly encourage the leaders and managers who are now studying with universal eagerness the political future The number of names listed is greater than on any previous occasion The unfavorable spirit in the main was wanting There can be no doubt that the party in New York is more harmonious at present than it has been for many years. The divisions between Tammany and the county democracy factions are still kept under a smooth surface while the Irving hall people apparently have switched off permanently with Henry George and the labor party, and the city democracy for once is without a competent leader

TELEPHONE RATES

DETROIT, Mich, Jan 31—In Windsor Detroit's Canadian suburb, more than half the telephone subscribers have notified the company that unless the [illegible] Detroit connections without extra [illegible] is removed This is throughout Canada looking towards lowering telephone rates.

SLIGHTLY COLD

ST PAUL, Jan 31—The past two days have been very cold, the mercury ranging between 26 and 8 degrees below zero Trains on the Manitoba road are stated some and it commenced snowing Trains on all roads are still delayed the engineers not daring to run fast for fear of broken rails.

THE LORILLARD STRIKE ENDED.

JERSEY CITY Jan 31—About 300 of Lorillard's strikers returned to work this morning at the firm's terms and the strike is ended The Lorillards have all the hands now that they will employ, and every factory is in operation.

PROHIBITION IN TEXAS.

AUSTIN Texas, Jan 31—In the lower house of the legislature to-day a joint resolution proposing a prohibition amendment to the constitution was passed by a vote of 90 yeas to 21 nays.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

BAKERSFIELD Cal, Jan 31—A sharp shock of earthquake preceded by a rumbling noise occurred here at 8 10 this evening

STILL BALLOTING

AUSTIN Tex Jan 31—Three ballots were taken to day for senator They stood Regan 76 Maxey 47, Ire

The Oregonian.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1887.

AN UNFOUNDED OBJECTION.

The principal objection made to the proposed amendment of the incorporation law, under which the O. R. & N. lines could be leased to the Union Pacific, is based on the allegation that the lease would remove the ownership of the O. R. & N. property from the jurisdiction of the state, render it impossible to deal with it through the state courts and take the authority for regulation of the management and operation of the lines out of the Legislature. This is an unfounded objection. There is nothing at all in it.

Neither the ownership nor the management of the O. R. & N., nor of any other railroad in Oregon, is at this time within the state. The nominal management is here, indeed, but no actual authority. The property, however, is here. It cannot be removed, and leases of the property can make no difference whatever as to the authority of the state over it. Here the property is and here it will remain, subject in every respect to the authority of the state as now. If the property itself was about to escape from the jurisdiction of the state, as the stock and bonds escaped it at the very beginning, there would be force in the objection; but since that cannot be so, there is no force in it whatever.

The lines of the Union Pacific are situated in perhaps ten states and territories, while the ownership of the line is solely in Boston. But such portion of the property as is situated in any state or territory is subject to the authority and jurisdiction of such state or territory; and each one can regulate by law the rates of transportation so far as the same lies wholly within its own limits. Process may be sued out in any state or territory for injury to person or property, for wages due or for any other kind of claim set up by any citizen of said state or territory, and the property of the company within the state or territory is liable for it. The conditions as to the O. R. & N. would be in no wise changed were it leased to the Union Pacific. Its property would still be subject to the jurisdiction of the state, the same as now.

The Northern Pacific is owned chiefly in Philadelphia. It has a piece of road in Oregon. Will anyone pretend that this property is not subject to the jurisdiction of the state, and that the state has not authority to fix, regulate or otherwise control the rates of transportation? Oregon Pacific's ownership is understood to be in New York, but its road in Oregon is subject no less to the authority of the state than that of the O. R. & N. now is, and still will be after the lease is made. The ownership of the O. & C. has always hitherto been in England and Germany. It is now about to be transferred to New York and California. But hasn't the state of Oregon always had control over the property, and will that control be impaired, or in any way affected, by the change of ownership about to take place? True, this road is now in the hands of a receiver, under the direction of the United States court, upon petition of foreign bondholders; but it must be operated nevertheless, in strict compliance with the laws of the state, and, as everyone knows, is so operated. Its responsibilities are in all respects the same under the laws of the state as if its owners resided here.

The lease of the O. R. & N. to the Union Pacific will make no difference whatever in the relations of the O. R. & N. property to the state, and will in no manner affect its responsibility or liability to the state. The lines must still be operated in conformity with state laws, as the lines of the O. & C. are; though the latter are owned by foreigners and operated by an officer of the United States court. There is, in short, nothing whatever in this objection to the lease. It is a groundless objection, urged in the interest of the roads north and south of us, to prevent an arrangement that would give Oregon one direct through line, free from the entanglement of diverse and complicated interests, from delays and expense of transfers, and from all the manifold obstructions that arise in operation of the O. R. & N. and Oregon Short line, as separate roads, each struggling to get the most it can out of the business.

We shall still have in Oregon all the actual property of the O. R. & N. that we have now. Its liability to the laws of the state will still be the same as now. Its owners and managers will be no further from the state than now. Their servants, operating the road, will be in Oregon, the same as now. They will be subject to every process of law as now, and the property will be subject to execution for lawful claims of every description as now. The state has the visible, tangible, material property of the company, and that property can not be taken out of its jurisdiction. It doesn't care for the stocks or bonds held in New York or elsewhere. They are mere waste paper, except as the property in Oregon, to which paper refer, gives them a conventional value there. In which value Oregon has very little concern. Not only does the state have within its jurisdiction the actual property of the company, and will keep the same, but it also has full authority and power to regulate the use and management of that property; and this, too, it will keep, no matter who are owners or lessees, or where they live.

The principal objection urged against the proposed lease is, therefore, groundless. On the other hand, the benefits that would accrue to Oregon from the lease would be many and great. The Southern Pacific is to get the O. & C. the Northern Pacific is to reach Portland by way of Puget Sound, or good wants a direct, solid, through line, shorter than either, which shall be solely interested in accommodating its business. The Union Pacific is a great company, operating a vast system of roads. It has, as yet, no access to the Pacific coast through a road under its own control. This lease would give it such access, and Oregon would get the benefit of the efforts which this powerful company, having the most direct line into the state, would make to hold up and hold this trade against rivals, by creating and maintaining superior accommodations. At the same time the treaty of the Hawaiian and kindred of us would prevent this one from being able to make and enforce its own terms. It could not become a monopoly. We would be able to deal directly with a single management for transportation of our products by the shortest and most direct route, and to get more satisfactory terms and quicker dispatch than we possibly can so long as there are two systems of roads, each contending for "percentages." The Union Pacific reaches directly a great market for our products that none of the other roads can reach. It traverses a region that will take all the fruit we can produce, and this lease would give an advantage over California for placing our fruit in that region. It would give similar advantages for transportation of cattle, fish, hops and wool, and for opening a market for our lumber it would be invaluable. The Union Pacific itself would take a train load of lumber every day in the year for its own consumption, if it could transport the same over its own track, and it would carry our lumber to market into the whole treeless region, as far as the Missouri river. Again, as its policy is to create business for its main line by construction of branches, it might be expected to build branch lines throughout the eastern and into the southern parts of the state, so as to cover the field and get as large a share of the business as possible. It is the judgment of THE OREGONIAN that nothing else would so hasten the development of our state as identification of the Union Pacific, through this lease, with our industries, activities, progress and growth. And the only objection thus far urged against the lease is, as we have seen, no objection at all. It is a figment merely, without body, substance or basis; it is an invented objection—not a real one.

Among the various opinions of eminent Americans concerning Grant that have been published, we do not remember to have seen that of Gov. Andrew, who, October 27, 1867, three days before his death, said: "The tendency of the hour is toward Grant. And that is best. It is not the ideal good. It is bad for the country that he must leave his present post—bad for him, the soldier, to try and to endure the hard fate which awaits him in civil life. But it is apparently the *best practical good* the country can have. And Grant is so square and honest a man that I believe he is bound to be right in the main anywhere."

DOLPH'S PLEA FOR THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

Our correspondent at Washington, some days ago, furnished an outline of a portion of the speech delivered by Senator Dolph on the necessity of removing or overcoming obstructions to navigation of the Columbia river. This outline was incorporated in a letter published in THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN. The speech now appears in pamphlet form, and its leading points deserve fuller presentation. On the title page of the pamphlet copy beats that statement, viz: "Let the Columbia river be opened and be made navigable without interruption, by the removal of obstructions, so that boats can descend from the British Columbia line to its mouth, and no section of the country will have cheaper transportation. The railroad companies will be compelled to reduce freight rates, or the portions of that region not reached by the navigable waters of the Columbia and tributaries will soon be made accessible by means of short lines of railroad terminating at the river, and the products of the country will be sent to the water by steamboats."

The text on which the speech was framed was the resolution directing the secretary of war to examine and report upon the possibility of a canal railway at The Dalles. He began by showing that the drainage area of the Columbia river, estimated at 214,500 square miles, is larger than the aggregate area of all the New England and Middle states, with Maryland and the two Virginias added. He then said:

The situation of the people residing in that portion of the Columbia basin east of the Cascade mountains which is by far the greater part of the vast area drained by the Columbia river, is peculiar and extraordinary. They are effectually cut off from an outlet to the sea, except through the gorge of the Columbia, by the Cascade range of mountains, extending from the northern boundary of Washington territory southerly entirely across Washington and Oregon. Through those mountains, only, can pass exists through which it can reasonably be hoped to divert the commerce of this region to any considerable extent from its present channel along the Columbia river. It has been well said that "the longest way round" through this horizontal pass will always be a shorter haul than any other line into the vertical distance over the mountains. The pass is substantially controlled by a single company, which owns a railroad upon the Oregon side of the river, a portage railroad upon the north side of the rapids, and the principal if not all the boats engaged in navigating the Upper Columbia, and thus without competition is enabled to make and maintain its own rates of freights and fares. As a consequence of this condition of affairs the freight rates, both by river and by rail, between the interior and the seaboard are enormously high. I think it is doubtful if in any other portion of the United States the cost of transportion is so great; certainly not in any other portion affording an equal amount of business for transportation lines.

It is true, Mr. Dolph proceeded to remark, that "the Cascade branch of the Northern Pacific, now fast nearing completion, will tap the basin of the Upper Columbia in Eastern Washington, and, in connection with the main line of that road, will afford a competing line for a considerable portion of that region, and will no doubt prove an important factor in the regulation of freights and fares; but permanent competition can not be secured where there is a chance for combination." And upon this point he added: "I have no faith in legislation proving effectual to sufficiently regulate, reduce and control freights; but water transportation, wherever it comes in competition with railroad traffic, according to the opinion of the best informed men upon the subject, and as is also corroborated by the experience of this and other countries, is an effectual means of reducing and regulating the cost of transportation." Just what the situation is at the Cascades and The Dalles Mr. Dolph stated very clearly; and on this point we give a somewhat extended passage in full:

There is no doubt but that the Columbia river could be made navigable for steamboats of the largest class for a thousand miles from its mouth, and there is no other portion of the country where so great a benefit to the inhabitants of so extensive a region can be obtained for so small an outlay. The only questions are, how shall the river become improved and when shall the improvement be commenced?

The government has undertaken to remove the obstructions to navigation at the Cascades. The rapids are known as the Lower Cascades and the Upper Cascades. The project is to build a canal and locks around the Upper Cascades and to improve the Lower Cascades by blasting out rocks and removing obstructions so that the river at this point may be navigated, except during the very highest stage of water. There has been appropriated for the work $1,142,500. The amount required to complete the project is $1,000,000.

The work should be, and with sufficient appropriations could be, completed in two years' time, but at the rate which money has been appropriated in the past for this improvement it will require from eight to ten years yet to complete it. The removal of the obstructions at the Dalles should have been undertaken at the same time as the improvement at the Cascades and prosecuted so as to be completed with the completion of that improvement. These two improvements are complements of each other. The two obstructions divide a stretch of over 500 miles of navigable river into two nearly equal parts, and the full benefit to be derived from each work will not be secured until the other is completed. Estimates have been made for the improvement of the river at the Dalles by the usual method of a canal, at an estimated cost, in round numbers, of $3,000,000. With the usual manner in which appropriations for such works are made generations will have passed away before the work could be completed. At the rate at which appropriations have been made for the canal and locks at the Cascades it would take 50 years to open up the river to navigation at this point by that means.

It must be borne in mind also that no profit can be derived from the expenditure upon this work until the entire work is completed, and that the full benefit of the great outlay by the government at the Cascades will not be realized until the river is also open at the Dalles portion. It is obvious that the completion of the work in that territory tributary to the Columbia depends either, by the adoption of some cheaper plan of improvement or the raising of larger appropriations for such works, to some indefinite period in the future. As a public work the proposed improvement by a boat railway can be inaugurated and completed in a short period, and at a cost of one-eighth or one-sixteenth cost of a canal.

The estimate for the boat railway at The Dalles is $1,373,000. Add for completion of the canal and locks at the Cascades $1,042,500, and $3,000,000 for overcoming the rapids in the Columbia above the mouth of Snake river, and there is a total sum of $5,415,500. Hence, if boat railways are feasible, the sum of five and a half million dollars will make the Columbia river navigable from its mouth to Grand Rapids, a distance of 750 miles; and as to the feasibility of boat railways there is the concurrent testimony of a number of competent engineers. The boat railways may be constructed in little time, while great length of time will be necessary for construction of canal and locks at each point, and the cost of the former will be only one-eighth the cost of the latter.

Five and a half millions cannot be called a large sum for opening so great a waterway. Much more has been expended by the government upon a single small stream elsewhere, as upon the Kanawha in West Virginia, on the Fox river in Wisconsin.

In closing Mr. Dolph said: "Some criticisms have been made upon this floor upon the amount of appropriations heretofore made for rivers and harbors in Oregon and Washington. I have been characterized as the most persistent beggar for appropriations for my state on the commerce committee. But the truth is that, with the exception of a single improvement, compared with the magnitude and importance of the works and with the estimates of the engineers, the appropriations for improvements in Oregon and Washington have been smaller than for improvements for works of similar character in any other part of the Union." He then showed that in proportion to area the states and territories west of the Rocky mountains had fallen far short of obtaining their proportion of river and harbor appropriations, even of late years. They comprise one-fourth of the territorial area of the United States, yet they had only one-eighteenth of the sums appropriated by the bill last year. This disparity is still more marked from the fact that never till quite recently have the rivers and harbors of the Pacific slope received any considerable attention from congress; while those of the Atlantic and Gulf slopes and of the Lake region have been receiving large appropriations for many years, and by this time should be in good condition for commerce, as in fact they are.

THE CONTROL OF THE SENATE.

The republicans are clearly doomed to defeat in the contest for the succession to the U. S. senate from Indiana. A comprehend democrat, like Turpie or Niblack, or a labor democrat, is sure to be the outcome of this struggle, which has been lost through the bad management of the republicans in the legislature. And yet the defeat of Senator Harrison for re-election will not give the democrats the control of the senate. Of the forty-six senatorial vacancies falling on the 3d of March next the republicans have elected Farwell of Illinois, Hawley of Connecticut, Blair of Maine, Dawes of Massachusetts, Stockbridge of Michigan, Davis of Minnesota, Stewart of Nevada, Hiscock of New York, Sherman of Ohio, Quay of Pennsylvania, Aldrich of Rhode Island, Edmonds of Vermont, Sawyer of Wisconsin, Paddock of Nebraska, making, with the hold-over republican seats, thirty-nine, just one more than half the senate. The democrats have elected Hearst of California, Gray of Delaware, Gorman of Maryland, George of Mississippi, Cockrell of Missouri, Daniel of Virginia, Bate of Tennessee, Camden of West Virginia, and are sure to elect democrats in place of dems of Florida, Maxey of Texas, Harrison of Indiana, and Sewell of New Jersey, in all thirty-seven. If Riddleberger should keep his rumored threat to resign or vote with the democrats, the senate would be a tie. There will doubtless be a contest over the cases of Indiana and New Jersey, which will have to be decided by the senate, and in case of such a contest the contestants would not probably be allowed to vote on their own cases. There is also a possibility that neither Hearst nor any other democrat may represent California in the United States senate. Concerning the legality of the California legislature, Senator Edmunds is reported to be of the opinion that "that the men holding seats in the senate by virtue of an election held last year have no right there at all, but their predecessors, elected in 1884, are still members of the state senate and entitled to vote for United States senator. The complication arises from the tardy attempt to adjust the state senate to the requirements of the new constitution. That instrument says that senators shall be elected for four years, but that those elected in 1882 shall serve for two years only. The state was not redistricted when it should have been, and the legislature of 1882 was chosen under the old constitution and the election of a legislature under the new constitution was made in 1884. By act of the legislature it was provided that the senators from the odd district should serve but for two years, but this is in contravention of the constitution, which says senators shall be chosen for four years except in 1882. If it is decided that the twenty senators elected in 1884 are still members of the legislature that body will have a republican instead of a democratic majority on joint ballot." The California senate would of course reject this construction, which would oust half its members, but that would not help Hearst, as the United States senate is judge of the election of its own members and may, if it chooses, refuse to seat a man who owes his election to a body not legally constituted.

The new men elected to the senate are Farwell, Stockbridge, Davis, Stewart, Paddock, Hiscock, Quay, Daniel and Bate. Paddock and Stewart have both served in the senate before.

EX-CONFEDERATES ON THE PENSION ROLL.

The bill passed by congress the other day pensioning all persons who served the government in any war and were honorably discharged, and are now suffering from disability, while it excepts "those persons under political disability," like Jeff Davis, Gen. Early, and a few other irreconcilables, and also all persons who incurred disability while in the service of the United States, places on the pension roll all men who served in the Federal army in previous wars, and who served in the Confederate during the civil war, without incurring disability, but are now unable to earn a support. In other words, it will place on the pension rolls a number of ex-Confederate soldiers. Under this bill Beauregard, Buckner, Elzey, Maxey, Forney, Heth, D. H. Hill, Joe Johnston, Jordan, Longstreet, McLaws, Field, Wilcox, and other surviving ex-Confederate generals, who served the United States before the war, could go on the pension roll if they could show disability that was not incurred during the war. This measure seems rather liberal, since in logic it would seem as if a soldier, who finally took arms against the government ought at least to forfeit any pension to which he might be entitled when he previously fought for the flag. It would seem that the republican veterans, Morrill of Kansas and Henderson of Iowa, who both voted for this bill, were more generous than just, since Jeff Davis, if he chose to have his political disability removed, could, under this bill, go upon the pension roll.

So the legislature is proceeding to disfranchise the women of the state who possess character, own property and pay taxes, including the mothers who furnish children for the schools and therefore are more deeply interested in the education of those children than any other set of persons can possibly be, and to enfranchise in their stead the rabble of male loafers who have no children to educate and can have no possible interest in the schools. Are there enough men of right minds in the legislature to prevent the consummation of this gross wrong? There certainly ought to be.

"You will make no friends by the course you are pursuing," writes a ring man from Salem to THE OREGONIAN. It isn't THE OREGONIAN'S business to make friends, but to let the people know what is going on and to tell the truth about it. Incidentally, however, it has from long experience that this course makes friends, and hence it is the only paper in Oregon, and indeed throughout the Northwest, that everybody calls for and reads.

The rich men of the United States senate that will assemble March 4, are: Sherman, Ross, Allison, Chace, Cameron, Edmunds, Hale, Hiscock, Morrill, Plumb, Eustis, Gibson, Stockbridge, Palmer, Sawyer, Payne, Maxey, Kenna, McPherson, Jones, Brown, Evarts and Camden. The only men rated as in very moderate circumstances are Davis, Stewart, Pugalle, Cullom, Butler and Hampton.

A citizen, speaking yesterday with indignation about the Roberts affair, said: "Surely that man can have no political future." It is hardly wise to jump to this conclusion. Roberts may be elected United States senator. He has the qualifications of conduct and character.

THE SKIFF "MURDER."

NORTH POWDER, Or., Jan. 18.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

I notice in your issue of the 26th inst. an item entitled "Solution Offered to a Murder," which item was copied from a paper published in Idaho, casting suspicion upon J. C. Wait in connection with the disappearance of Wells Skiff. This item was simply trash. Three men have already been tried for that supposed murder, and it was demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt that Skiff left the country to avoid paying his honest debts. Every manner of blackmail, perjury and bribery was used in order to convict the accused parties of a crime that had never been committed by any one. And now, these same conspirators not satisfied, but seek to blacken the character of J. C. Wait, who is undoubtedly far more innocent of any crime than his accusers. Wait was in this place three days after Skiff's departure, and went from here to Union. This infamous effort to slander Wait is made to screen some party in a certain ring, who know the purse strings of Skiff. The people of North Powder have never accused any one of Skiff's murder, but they are firmly and fully convinced that Skiff is now living in our own or some foreign country, and laughing at the simpletons he left behind him.

G. H. BOBIER.

You'll find her smiling night and day.
Although at times she is not gay.
And should you wonder why you meet
This constant smile, record her teeth.
She only laughs those gems to show.
Which SOZODONT makes white as snow.

Jewelry at a sacrifice at the sale at New York Jewelry store.

BRIDGES, GOVERNOR; BRIDGES!!!

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

Another day, when people with vehicles were able to bind together accommodations by ferry companies. Another proof of the necessity for bridges. Another exposure of the folly of those who say "they are not needed." Another evidence that there are those who are willing to sacrifice the interests of two cities, and a state, for their own personal advantage. Advance, Oregon! Down with interested obstructionists!

J. FRED CLARK.

Our enterprising druggist contractors monthly bill for July Cough, Cold, Croup, Asthma, Whooping Cough and all Lung and Bronchial complaints. In the interest that pleasant and never failing remedy, Santa Abbe, the California King of Coughing Horses, Try it.

BORN.

In this city, Jan. 30, to the wife of C. A. Cummings, a son.

DIED.

In this city, Jan. 30, of paralysis of the heart, Ellen Lenox, aged 63 years.

Funeral from residence, Northrup, bet. Wa ash and 20th, Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 2:30 P. M. Friends of family invited to attend.

In this city, Jan. 30, at 12 M., infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cowan Addis, of pneumonia.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Magnus Rose will take place from the residence of her son, R. Rose, Sixth street, between Jefferson and Madison, this (Tuesday) morning, at 10 o'clock. Friends and family invited to attend.

MEETING NOTICE.

A. A. S. R., Oregon Lodge of Perfection, will meet at 8 P. M. Last in Masonic Hall this (Tuesday) evening, Feb. 1, at 7:30 P. M. By order

S. H. L. POHLE, Secretary.

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To the Britis-born Residents of the State of Oregon.

An important meeting will be held at the rooms of the St. Andrew's Society, Union Block, on TUESDAY EVENING, February 1, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of considering what action it will be fit and proper to take in view of the approaching jubilee of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty. And all others are respectfully requested to be present.

JAMES LAIDLAW, British Vice Consul.

NEW TO-DAY.

SOCIAL SCIENCE LECTURES.

Second Lecture

—OF THE—

5th ANNUAL COURSE,

By Mr. J. W. SPRIGGS,

Subject: "Laws of Marriage and Divorce."

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CHANGE OF TIME.

ON AND AFTER FEB. 1 THE STEAMER CITY OF SALEM will leave Ruigarte for Salem and intermediate landings on arrival of train leaving Portland at 10:10 A. M. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Returning, leave Salem Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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FOR RENT—NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS, at 104 Second st., between Alder and Morrison.

A GOOD COAT AND PANTS MAKER WANTED cheap. 107 F. ESSORIN, 24 Third st.

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PARTNER WANTED—MUSICIANS PREFERRED in a good business. Address A. C., Oregonian office.

FOR RENT—A SMALL COTTAGE SITUATED on Mount Tabor, with first and last months' rent in advance. Apply at 24 Second st.

WANTED—A GIRL TO DO LIGHT HOUSE work. Apply at 66 North Twenty-first st., between Glisan and Hoyt.

REMOVAL—R. C. GILMAN, DEALER IN builders' hardware, has removed to 87 N. 1st st.

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FOR SALE—FINE LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S Riding Horses. Inquire at Stable, 107 Front st., between Ankeny and Burnside.

TWO FINE MILCH COWS FOR SALE. 107 Inquire of W. W. MITTENDORF, Arleta.

THEATRICAL MANAGERS AND COMPANIES will find it to their interest to call on W. C. COE, Washington st. Correspondence solicited.

$1250 WILL BUY NICE LITTLE HOME on Mount Tabor. Inquire of owner, 107 Oregonian.

WANTED—LABORERS FOR R. R. WORK. Party leaves Feb. 22 at 12 M. Apply to KINCAID & CO., 3 Front st.

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SAFES—ALL KINDS, NEW AND SECOND-hand. W. B. WINSHIP & CO., 51 Front st. Scrapping for sale. Highest cash price paid.

WOOD—TO BE CUT AND SPLIT FOR STOVES. Inquire of 107 Oregonian.

WANTED—MAN AND WIFE FOR FARM. Man to work by month; wife to board hands. Inquire of E. WINSHIP, No. 51 Front st.

WANTED—SITUATION BY YOUNG MAN, AS collector or in store. Can furnish best of city references. Address 107 Oregonian.

MEN WANTED FOR LABOR IN THE city. Business men of family will find employment. Inquire at 107 Front st., between Ankeny and Burnside.

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FOR SCHOOL CLERK—I HEREBY ANNOUNCE myself as a candidate for the office of school clerk, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. FREDA DALY.

WE SUPPLY, FREE OF CHARGE, TEST cards, sending them away from the cities to other sporting localities, thereby increasing the business. 107 Oregonian.

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PORTLAND, TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 188
U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE WEATHER REPORT
PORTLAND Jan 31 6:42 P M.

Place of Observation.	Bar.	Thermometer	Dew Point	Humidity	Direction of Wind	Velocity of Wind	State of Weather
Portland	29.88	34	31	91	E	4	Cloudy
Astoria	29.86	36	34	93	W	4	Cloudy
Roseburg		34	31	91	W	4	Cloudy
Red Bluff		42	34	84	W	4	Clear
Walla Walla		34	31	91			Cloudy

Maximum thermometer for 2 minimum 32 2
Mean for 24 hours.
Total rainfall past twenty four hours 08 inches
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Jan. 1887, 40 6
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Total inches
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Jan. 1887, 3.96 inches

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

SAN FRANCISCO Jan 31—8 P M—Indications for Oregon and Washington territory, rains

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Passed Heron to arrive over the Northern Pa
Mrs W L Isaacs and wife, A A Honey Frank
Rev. C H. Morton James H Burns, H C
A. C Sheldon and seventeen emigrants.
Passed Huntington to arrive over the Short
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points of order and warranted as to remainder
Hill Kum et al. vs Weiner et al petition for re
hearing denied
Sheriff Koehler receiver motion for new
trial warned and submitted.
Oregon Railway Co vs O R & N Co sub
mitted without argument on demurrer to amended
bill.

STATE CIRCUIT COURT, NO 1

Peter L. Lowell vs. James Young mandate of
supreme court, ordering judgment to be extended
for $33 70, costs on appeal.

STATE CIRCUIT COURT NO 2.

State of Oregon vs Henry Frindle plea of not
guilty; trial set for February 23 on indictment
for
L Gallacher vs. B Cohen et al; plaintiff allowed
six weeks to file amended complaint
Mary Riley vs. Margaret Riley, demurrer to
complaint overruled.
Mary J. Weber vs. Emil Weber et al $150 al
lowed for attorney s fees, and $50 per month all
owed pending the suit for divorce.

POLICE COURT.

Chas. Ward, vagrant case continued until to
day A Armstrong, plain ordinary drunk $2 J
Kinney drunk and disorderly, $10 Simon Sweet,
violating ordinances in regard to obstruction of
streets, plead guilty, fined $10. C Weddeth assault
with a dangerous weapon upon C Leach contin
ued until to-day.

THE GENERAL VOICE.

PORTLAND Jan 31 188

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

We are much surprised to notice in the report of the proceedings of the legislature the action taken in regard to the question of "who shall constitute the legal voters at school elections." It is a well known fact that no other election is conducted in a more satisfactory manner with results so entirely in harmony with the judgment of the best class of citizens. We speak especially for Portland when we say, at no time have we had a more excellent board of directors, nor schools in better condition than they are now.

Women have taken great interest in the election of the directors. A majority of our teachers are women who have proven by their excellent work their capability as teachers in all departments of our schools, and that they are specially gifted in managing educational affairs. The plutocracy of to-day is the male citizens who are not taxpayers which is embodied in the second amendment to the bill now pending seems to command the most favorable respect of our legislators, while with the second clause they deprive the women of the right to have a voice in the election of the directors of the schools in which their children are educated. The best results have come from grant ing this privilege to citizens of both sexes. Will improve our condition to take it from one class of citizens who aid so largely in the support of our schools, and grant it to another class who pay nothing toward the support of the schools and whose record as voters at general elections is so unsatisfactory? We certainly think this bill as it stands, cannot meet the approval of our represen tatives in the legislature and but after careful y considering the subject no such step in the dark will be taken

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PERSONAL

Mr Glen O Holman of Baker City was in town yesterday

Mr P Cline accompanied with Staver & Wulk r is quite ill of fever

Mr O B Batten formerly a member of the Mon tana legislature who has friends here is visiting Portland

Catarrh, Hay Fever and Catarrhal Deafness

Sufferers are not generally aware that the s d cases are contagious or that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the intes inal canal of the nose and e stachian tu e Microscopic research has proved this fact and it is now made easy to cure this curse of our country in no or two simple applications made by the patient at home Send stamp for circular describing this new treatment to A. H Dixon & Son 306 West King street, Toronto Canada.

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Dr S Jones of this city makes a specialty of c ing rheumatism and will undertake the worst cases brought to him in time He gives alcoholic and mineral steam baths as required and guarantees permanent benefits. Office 112 Sixth St. corner of Washington. The afflicted should call there for a consultation. Office hours 10 to 4.

If you want the best Sewing Machine in the world go to Garrison's Sewing Machine Store 167 Third Portland, and examine the Domestic and Home ball bearing lead. All others follow

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EXECUTION—In Wall Paper for a limited time only. See show window 87 Washington st bet. Fourth and Fifth SCHOFIELD & MORGAN

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Shirtmakers—See the new Singer arm machine. Needs in all directions. Very latest.

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La Villa De Key West Cigars just in at Morgan & Hassling s.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Miss M Ripley has removed to 8 Salmon street, corner Third.

Ask for Brown Bear and Hood s Cigars. Order Keough Morgan & Hoelbing

Shower Wines spring beds. George M. Parker 121 Sixth street. Trade supplied.

The Rev T Alonzo Jones of Salem pronounces Brown's Cure for Catarrh most charming in its effects.

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THE VIENNA,

Washington street, leads all for Lunches and Oysters

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CRUSHED BY A FALLING TREE.—News was received yesterday from Columbia slough of a shocking accident which happened Sunday, resulting in the death of B. F. Mayes, who has been living on, and owns the old Whittaker place, on the Columbia river, about seven miles out. Mr Mayes and his wife had been spending the afternoon at a neighbor's, Mr Wood land's, place, and in the evening about 7 o'clock, they started to return home The wind, which had been blowing hard all the afternoon, had by this time increased to a gale While passing some cottonwood trees, Mrs Mayes stopped a moment to fasten one of her shoe laces. Her husband had walked but a few steps ahead when, without any warning whatever, one of the large trees fell with a crash, striking Mr Mayes with terrible force on one side of his head and body, killing him instantly The fatality occurred just back of Jackson Powell's place on the Columbia slough Mrs Mayes was well nigh frantic with grief, standing as she was by the inanimate remains of him who had but just been her husband. As soon as she could recover herself she sought assistance from the nearest neighbors, where the body was taken. Mr. Mayes has lived on the Whittaker place about four years, and was an honest hard working man He was about 55 years old, and leaves eight children, besides his wife, to mourn his loss. Of the eight children five were girls and three boys three are married, two girls and three boys are still on the old homestead, the youngest being only five years old He was a member of Sumner Post G A R, of East Portland and a man thoroughly respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was also one of the school directors of Columbia Slough district.

JUDGMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT.—In the case of the United States against M P Berry, in the U S circuit court, judgment was rendered yesterday in favor of plaintiff for $202 60 The defendant is Major M P Berry, at present in Alaska, and is well known here, having been superintendent of the state penitentiary under Governor Woods In 1871 2 Maj or Berry was appointed special agent for the Shoshone and Bannock Indians in Idaho He held the position less than a year, and on settlement of his accounts he was found to be a defaulter in the sum of $229 70 Suit was brought against him by the government to recover that amount A considerable portion of the sum was for advertising for bids without an order from the department as the law provides The sum of $100 was from an error in charging $166 as paid a farmer when the voucher showed that only $66 was paid Then there was $33 charged for transportation of baggage and $17 75 for *scirrus frunenti*, or corn juice The court allowed some small items which the department had disallowed, among others the one for the corn juice, which a physician certified he had been sold for medicine But the principal items were disallowed, and a judgment was rendered in favor of the government for $202 60 As the plaintiff has been about fifteen years in getting the matter decided it is only fair to suppose that it will take as much longer to get the money from Major Berry, as it is hard to make a draft on an Alaskan bank.

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR DROWNED.—Yesterday afternoon Manager Hayes of the Portland office received a brief message from Kalama that Mr I T Manela, the Western Union operator at Oak Point was drowned while engaged in repairing the line which had been prostrated by the rain storm Later in the day, Mr F H Lamb, superintendent of the company, received the following particulars by wire from Oak Point The accident occurred about 3 P. M Saturday When the boat was returning from Westport a squall struck the sail and capsized the boat. It occurred in the Columbia river a few hundred yards above Westport slough and about 300 feet from shore, Manela and his assistant, Henry Cundiff, clung to the boat. The former was washed off the stern in about ten minutes afterwards and sank.—Cundiff succeeded in holding on to the rudder iron on the stern The boat subsequently drifted close to shore and he caught hold of some brush, landed and finally reached Westport in an exhausted condition, benumbed by the cold water. The boat drifted out again and had not been caught at last accounts. All the tools and nearly a full coil of wire which was used for ballast were aboard. Manela was a married man and his wife is prostrated by the shock.

SHERIFF MINTO SCORES TWO POINTS.—In the case of the American Mortgage company against Sol King and other sheriffs of various counties, in the U S. circuit court, the demurrer of Sheriff Minto of Marion county was yesterday sustained as to two points regarding tender, and overruled as to the remainder. Plaintiff declined to pay taxes on its mortgages in several counties, claiming that as real estate was assessed at one-third its value it was not right to assess its mortgages at their face. Plaintiff tendered one-third of the amount of its taxes Sheriff Minto of Marion was the only defendant that demurred to the bill, and the court decided that the tender of one-third was not sufficiently made, being made apparently in satisfaction of the whole claim instead simply in payment of what plaintiff admitted was due, and further, that the tender was not continued, as the money was placed in the registry of the court. Minto s demurrer on these two points was therefore sustained, but on other points it was overruled.

CHURCH DEDICATION AT SOUTH PORTLAND.—The new Methodist Episcopal church on Hood street, near Meade, was dedicated Sunday at 7 P M A very interesting discourse was delivered by Rev H K. Hines, D D. Prayer was offered by Rev Mr Irwin Scripture lessons were read by Rev L. W Caswell and Rev Mr Irwin An offering was called for of $250 to provide for the balance expended, and in a few minutes it was subscribed The church was then dedicated by Dr Hines, assisted by the pastor, Rev G M Pelrce. A full house was present, and great interest was manifest. This church, seating 200 persons, has been built, dedicated and money provided for in mid-winter in a little over thirty days A Sunday school with an average attendance of 100 meets there Preaching will commence at once The building of this church establishes Methodism in South Portland as an organization

BISHOP SCOTT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—I llowing are the highest ten boys as shown at the last examination at the Bishop Scott grammar school Ernest Fel nstmutt, Portland Gilmore Price, Cove d'Alene, Holbrook Withington, Jas n Smith, John Carson, George Crawford R J Simpson, Portland John Langdon, Moscow, I T Robert Lewis Portland, Wm Ackerman, Oregon City The following were perfect in conduct Wm Ackerman, Oregon City Gordon Allen Howard Bellinger, Seth Catlin, Hal Green, Hunt Lewis, Robert Lewis, Wesley Ladd, Bert Markay, Alexander Reed, Jas n Smith R J Simpson, Robert Townsend, Portland Geo Black, Halsey Elmer da Motta, Kesbing Harry Guerin, Eckley John Langdon, Moscow, I T Gilmore Price, Coeur d'Alene

CANE PRESENTATION.—Last evening the employes of the German bakery, on Third street, fifteen in number, assembled in the store, where the proprietor, Mr H Wittenberg was busy taking stock preparatory to going into another line of business. At a fitting moment one of the boys stepped forward, and, on behalf of his fellow workmen, presented Mr Wittenberg with a handsome gold headed cane expressing the wish that it might serve to remind him of the givers and the cordial relations which had existed between them and himself Mr Wittenberg accepted the cane, which was appropriately inscribed, in a few well chosen words, and the work of stock taking went busily on

THE WILLAMETTE RISING.—Yesterday evening the Willamette was very close to most of the lower wharves and rising slowly Persons who have goods stored in cellars along First and Front streets were somewhat uneasy about the water encroaching on their premises. At eight o clock last night the river at Eugene was 10 feet above low water and falling slowly at Albany 22½ feet, rising slowly at Salem 21 feet, rising slowly At that hour it was raining hard throughout the Willamette valley, and the temperature was cold There seems to be but little prospect of the river rising much higher

CLEARED OF SAND.—By hard work the O R & N line was freed from sand temporarily and the train due Sunday reached here at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, having advanced foot by foot during the night as the sand was shoveled away. The Atlantic express which left here Saturday also got through Sunday night, and a train was sent out yesterday afternoon on time The wind storm seems about over, and very little more trouble is anticipated The Pacific express, due here at 10 A M yesterday was expected to arrive at 11.30 P M

CATTLE DOING WELL.—Mr Arthur Johnson arrived here yesterday from the Prineville country He reports that the grass is growing and that cattle and sheep are in as good condition as at the beginning of winter There has been but little snow, coming mostly at night and disappearing the next day Horses in that region are afflicted with some disease which has carried off quite a number Mr Johnson will be in the city two weeks.

SAD JOURNEY.—Capt. Koenig, of the ship Santiam, came up from Astoria yesterday on the steamer S. G. Reed, bringing the remains of his wife, who lately died at the sailors' hospital in that city, after a long illness. He leaves to-day, taking the body and the two young children, via the Canadian-Pacific, for Quebec.

CHANGE IN REPERTOIRE.—Emma Abbott has consented to appear on Saturday evening in her great emotional role of "Linda of Chamouni" a part in which she has achieved great renown) instead of in Mikado, as previously announced The cast of Linda is a powerful one and includes every member of the Abbott Company During the opera Miss Abbott gives her famous rendering of "Home Sweet Home" This will be the farewell night of the Abbott engagement, and the amended programme will give general satisfaction, as the public desire to hear Emma Abbott in grand opera, and not in a comic opera which has been done to death here.

ARRESTS IN JANUARY.—The following arrests were made by the police last month Drun 60 vagrancy, 16 assault and battery, 15 disorderly conduct, 11 trespass, 6 defacing building, 8 crazy, 2 indecent exposure, 2 obscene language, 2 threatening to kill, 2 carrying concealed weapon, 2 assault with a dangerous weapon, 2 keeping lottery, 2 held as witness, 2 fighting, 1 burglary, 1 harboring minors, 1 rape, 1 selling liquor without license, 1 total, 133 This is one of the lightest months since 1880

CASE FOR CHARITY.—The Rev A. Schlenck, of the German Evangelical church, reports a case of destitution in a family named Bunzi, who reside at the northwest corner of Sixth and College. The family consists of father, mother and six small children Two children have died in the past four days of membraneous croup Clothing and provisions are very much needed, and will be gratefully received Mr Schlenck vouches for the worthiness of the family and for the necessity that exists at this time for donations.

THOSE HIGH FARS.—In response to the complaints of a long suffering (masculine) public, Mells & Co have imported the "Opera Capote" It comes in all colors, is very becoming, and the very latest Parisian craze It is different from anything ever brought to this market

TERRIBLE WIND STORM.

Nine Chinamen at Work on the Northern Pacific Killed by Falling Timber

There arrived here yesterday on the train from Tacoma a party of poor wretches of Celestials one with a leg badly crushed another with a shoulder blade broken and the third with serious injury of the spinal column From Mr Johnson one of Nelson Bennett s foremen who was in charge of the party, it was learned that they were injured by falling trees in Benn t s camp eleven miles west of the Cascades tunnel The violent gale of Sunday morning appears to have been general throughout the Northwest It began blowing up the canyons where Bennett s camp is located about 2 o clock Sunday morning and soon the line of the railroad was strewn with fallen trees and Bennett s camp was a scene of horror Huge trees were thrown crashing in all directions crush ng down the frail tents of the Chinamen which were scattered around through the timber Shrieks of the mangled and maimed and d groans of the dying mingled with the roar of the gale and the thundering crash of falling timber As soon as it was daylight the work of searching for the dead was begun and the bodies of nine dead Celestials were dug out from under the trees and the snow which covered the ground to a depth of from three to four feet The three men mentioned above were the most seriously injured but dozens were badly hurt

To get any medical assistance was impossible on account of the road being impassable from fallen timber All who were able at once commenced the work of clearing the obstructions and after working all day and up to midnight of Sunday the track was cleared and the construction train started for Tacoma.

At G W Bunt s camp a few miles below four white men who had been seriously injured by falling trees there were taken on board and brought to Tacoma. The Chinamen brought here were taken to the Good Samaritan hospital

A NOTE FROM JUDGE DEADY

Statement Concerning his Vote on Section 8 Article XV of the Constitution.

PORTLAND Jan 31 1887

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

The *Evening Democrat* of this date publishes the vote of the constitutional convention on the adoption of section 8 article XV of the constitution prohibiting Chinese not then residents of Oregon from owning real estate therein from which it appears that I voted in the affirmative.

Taking it for granted, that this is a correct quotation from the journal of the convention, I must admit that I was so far mistaken in my statement in the communication in the issue of the 26th in which I said in answer to Governor Pennoyer's bear say charge that I was the author of the provision that I was not the author of it and did not even favor it.

I spoke from memory, having never examined the journal of the convention on the subject. It does not now appear that I was the "author" of it and I am certain that I was not. Neither did I favor the measure in the general sense of the term although it appears that I silently voted for it

Now this matter was brought up by the governor to show I suppose, that I had changed my opinion on the question of the power of the state to prohibit the residence of Chinese therein But consider the circumstances, and no such conclusion is warranted

At the time of the formation of the constitution there was no treaty between the United States and China guaranteeing Chinese the right to live in this country, of the same terms as the citizens or subjects of the most favored nation, as Great Britain, for instance It is one thing for a State circumscribed as it is to undertake to prohibit Chinese from residing within its territory and quite another to do so in the face of a United States treaty which is the supreme law of the land But section 4 does not prohibit Chinese from coming to or residing in this state It only undertook to prevent them from owning real estate and working mining claims thereon

I believe there were no Chinese in Oregon at the time except a few in Jackson and Josephine counties and I suppose the voters in those counties made no complaint in the vote of that region for the constitution as anything else

Still I am sorry that I was even partially mistaken about my action since it is at distasteful to acknowledge the fact and correct it

MATTHEW P DEADY

BRIEF MENTION

The Ladies Relief society meets at the usual hour this afternoon

Last month 174 men applied for and obtained lodging at the city jail

The Tivoli had a crowded house with the new attractions last evening

The error of printing Lady Hoyt for Lucy Hoyt in yesterday's Our Ostrich was by mistake

Manager Howells employed a detective at the clock room of the New Market to serve during the opera season.

The steamer Columbia will leave steamship dock sharp at one o'clock Wednesday, February 4 instead of midnight the same night

Hugh Waters an old sporting man known all over the coast as Major Waters died at Good Samaritan hospital yesterday

The man who broke open Mr I E Osborn and stole $27 from a plane says he has a small elephant on his hands and will sell cheap

The Multnomah Fire Association which was to have taken place at Capt Flanders s rink this evening, has been postponed until next Thursday next at the same hour and place

Dan Sullivan occupies a cell at the county jail for stealing a coat from the cabin of the Portland steamer New York which plies between Albina and Stark street He began to serve sentence of thirty days last night

A man named Hall a resident of Winterhalt came on board the S G Reed at Astoria Sunday evening with his wife and family One of the children was very sick and it died before the boat left the dock yesterday morning

Al Gee and David Gee were released from the county jail yesterday afternoon They were confined on a charge of burning their own house for the insurance there was on it A few days ago the grand jury returned not a true bill in their cases

There will be a meeting of the British born residents of this city at 8 o'clock this evening at the room of the St Andrew's society in Union block to consider the matter of taking some appropriate action in view of the approaching jubilee of the reign of her majesty Queen Victoria.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A regular meeting of the board of police commissioners was held last evening President Card well in the chair and Jonathan Bourne Jr present

The following claims were ordered paid

Pay roll	$3781 20
Good Samaritan hospital	120 00
Brigham & Weeks	3 00
Corbett Failing & Co	18 00
Jackson & Co	1 25
Nelson Ball & Co	1 75
S A Nepparth	1 50
R H Hewish & Bro	

Adjourned

SUPREME COURT

SALEM Jan 31

Mary A Mitchell respondent vs W B Gamp bell appellant judgment of lower court below reversed and a new trial ordered Opinion by Strahan J

Joseph Mansanda respondent vs Peter Mann appellant judgment of the court below reversed and a new trial ordered Opinion by Thayer J

John Cassida, as administrator of the estate of Mary Elizabeth Cassida, deceased, appellant vs the Oregon Railway & Navigation company respondent, appeal from Wasco county argued and submitted

THE REV. GEO. H. THAYER, of Bourbon, Ind. says "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." 50 cts. WOODARD, CLARKE & CO., Agents.

Slaughter in jewelry at 107 First. This is a big chance,

EMMA ABBOTT.

Cordial Welcome to the Prima Donna Last Night

Auspicious Opening of the Grand Opera Season at the New Market Theater—Miss Abbott s Success as Violetta.

Never did the New Market theater present a more brilliant appearance than on last evening when the Emma Abbott grand English opera company made its first appearance in Portland, in Verdi s master work La Traviata The house was full to overflowing even standing room being scarce, and there was an eager expectancy a sort of subdued interest apparent throughout the well dressed audience that bespoke a warm reception for the musical feast which they had reason to anticipate There is, perhaps in opera that so fully taxes the best vocal talent and dramatic powers of the prima donna essaying the principal role as does that of 'Traviata. Certainly there is none which so completely depends for success upon the ability of the prima donna Violetta is a most exacting role and from the rise of the curtain to its final fall she sustains the work of the opera

Of Miss Abbott s Violetta she can be but one opinion in so far as the artistic merit of her personation is concerned She is an exceedingly earnest and clever woman Nature has not endowed her with a phenomenal voice but with the powers she originally possessed increased and strengthed by hard study and patient effort she has developed a facility of execution and a sympathetic habit in her singing that has made her popular She is too a painstaking actress and throws the whole force of her energies in nature into the work she has to do making the most of every dramatic situation To one who has not heard her for four or five years she shows most marked improvement particularly in her middle and lower registers Indeed, some of her lower notes have the richness of contralto tones and her upper register has gained greatly in power and expression The finest and most artistic part of her work last evening was her singing of the aria Ah fors e lui Sheg ave these musical piece of composition with a delicacy of expression and sympathy that stamped her as an artist Though in a way off coast town she added another to her many triumphs Her audience was not satisfied with showing their appreciation until they called her out three times Her work in the concerted music and the different duets and trios in which Signor Castelani de Cora was associated with Mr Bruette as Germont Madame Baron as Flora Miss Nina Bertina as Annina, and Walter Allen as Dr Grenville were equal to the demands of their respective roles Mr Wm Broderick as the Baron in the few notes he has to sing gave promise of what his splendid voice can do with a greater role. The choruses and ensembles were sung with spirit and precision particularly the "Gipsy" and "Matadore" choruses No small feature of the opera's success was the admirable orchestration under the direction of Signor Tunasi, a leader of experience and discretion To night, Martha," with the following cast

Martha	Miss Emma Abbott
Nancy	Miss Lizzie Annandale
Lionel	Sig Monterglin
Plunket	Mr Wm Fredkin

AN INTERVIEW WITH ABBOTT

THE PRIMA DONNA DOES NOT LIKE OUR WEATHER—HOW SHE PRESERVES HER VOICE.

Emma Abbott was quite disappointed to find raining when she arrived here late Sunday night and her feelings underwent no change during the steady downpour all day yesterday She had heard of the magnificent scenery which surrounds Portland and naturally she was anxious to see it When an OREGONIAN man, who had sent up his card requesting an interview, was shown up to her rooms at the Esmond yesterday afternoon he was greeted with the question "Is it always rain here" asked with a tripping laugh and a glance at the dull heavy western sky When assured that rain was an extraordinary variation from the customary January sunshine and that wet weather in February was practically unknown the lady's sigh of relief and no doubt wondered why the Californians told such awful fibs about the climate of our young and growing state.

No sh did not derive much pleasure from the ocean trip Good sailor though yet she knew the best thing in the world was to make herself comfortable in her state room and stay there. Never traveled with a captain whom she liked better than Captain Bouldin and if the weather had only been so strong she would have been on deck all day

Miss Abbott looks to be about 25 or 30 years old though she is beyond that and her complexion her healthful appearance and vivacity are suited to a girl of 16 If to others who call upon her as strangers, she is as genial and free from "airs" as she was to THE OREGONIAN man it is no wonder that she has become so popular all over America The chances are, Miss Abbott was simply her own self when asked how it was possible for her to sing seven times a week for month after month she answered that nature had endowed her with perfectly healthy vocal organs and with sound lungs She never knew what it was to have an ache or a pain never needed a physician never took cold never applied medicine to her throat and she always tried to maintain a cheerful disposition. Sometimes she went abroad and under the best masters trained her voice not only for the purpose of improving it so as to as to be capable, as Marchesi said "of interpreting the most difficult music" but for the sake of preserving it In her studies and at rehearsal she has a way of exercising the voice without using it reserving all the best strength for the public Really said Miss Abbott if I have finished a performance, I could go through it again immediately without fatigue

Miss Abbott is one of the early struggles which readers of THE OREGONIAN are familiar with from an interesting letter by Grace Greenwood published a few days ago and she expressed deep gratitude to several of the artists who were then more than one, assistant her toward achieving success in opera

NOW ENFORCE THE PRESENT LAW

ASTORIA OR Jan 31 188

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

The assessment bill framed by the state commission having been thrown overboard it now becomes the duty of the legislature to put a stop to the present fraud and farce called assessing

Or get an assessment law on her books which has yet to be tried This may seem to be a broad assertion but is nevertheless to indeed on truth Our present law says the county assessor must assess real and personal property at its true value No assessor has yet been known to assess in Oregon notwithstanding the fact that he has held up his right hand to so do

The present law says the taxpayer must furnish a statement of his taxable property and swear to the correctness of the same before the assessor Many refuse to make such statement and those who make statements are very seldom required to swear to the same

The present law says the assessor shall allow no indebtedness unless such indebtedness be itemized and sworn to Examination of the assessment blanks on file shows a gross violation of this section

Its awfully nice to have the assessor fail to swear us to have him list our property at one third its value and then to see the county commissioners catch the infection and lower the assessor s figures 25 per cent in order to give the state a black eye

One feature of this swindling does not suit us We can t keep even with Jones Jones has property amounting in value to $5000 and borrows $4000 which makes Jones the possessor of $10 000 The assessor lists Jones at $5000 capital and allows him $4000 as indebtedness So Mr Jones pays on nothing Jones that s not right you must divy

This reminds us of a fellow who came before the equalization board and asked why everything else being reduced that item over in that column was not also lowered said item being in the indebtedness column But before the board could take advantage of his innocence he saw the point and got out quick

And now wise men at Salem help us out of this mire Take away the bounty for false oath and thieving and give men who would be honest a show This farce of assessing is demoralizing the people Perjury is an every day occurrence apparently

There is a remedy for this deplorable state of affairs The longest-eared jackass in existence is smart enough to know that no law, whether made by the general government or by a municipality without expenalty for its violation will compel people to obey it Let the city of Portland attempt to collect its revenue from licenses by a law without a penalty and see which end of the horn the city would emerge from

As a remedy for the evils named the legislature should make *someone* responsible Amend the assessment law so that for any violation of it the assessor would forfeit both salary and position Under the same penalty have the county commissioners sheriff and clerk all certify to the state that the assessment roll represents the full and true value of the property in the county, and that no deductions for indebtedness have been allowed except upon written itemized statements, properly sworn to And amend so that any reputable citizen, without expense to himself can make complaint and demand investigation of the official acts of any officer connected with the execution of the assessment law CHINOOK.

Buy during the big cut at the New York Jewelry company's.

THE EAST SIDE.

The condition of some of the streets out in Stephens addition is simply execrable, and they are almost impassable To the vicinity of the reduction works in the street there are some holes in which a wagon may sink almost out of sight. This morning however work will be commenced to bridge over and fill in some of these holes, so as to enable farmers to get into town with a loaded team which is now practically impossible

TO REGULATE.

It is understood that a number of saloon keepers are behind a movement which proposes to get through the common council an ordinance granting the right to saloons to keep their front doors open on Sunday Should such a measure come up the council would do well to refer the matter to the city attorney as the following section (No 685) of the criminal code would clearly show that it is in direct violation of the law "No person shall keep open any house or room in which intoxicating liquors are kept for retail on the first day of the week commonly called Sunday or give or sell or offer to sell the same, intoxicating liquors on that day any person violating this section shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $20 nor less than $10 for each offense

NOTES

J J Sperry has returned from Salem

There is one lone occupant of the city jail

It is stated that Frank Henry is improving slowly

W G Spalding engineer of the sawmill on the Sandy was in the city yesterday

Col Harrington who has been in the city for several days returned to Salem this morning

H S Livingston who has been at the N P R R Cascade tunnel, is in East Portland stopping with friends

The wife of J A Sharkey presented him with twins the other evening They were boy and girl and weighed fourteen pounds

One can make a trip Around the World in Eighty Minutes to night at Wappner's hall for 25 cents Highly magnificent views are shown

A number of severe cases of *cramp* are reported in the city —*Telegram East Side* Well hardly Not until melon time Perhaps croup is correct

Ausmus wharf has been leased by a company of which Van DeLashmutt and D P Thompson are said to be members They expect to have an extensive lumber yard

Charles B Mayo son of Councilman Mayo returned home after a stay of several months in the Blue mountains He was on the train that encountered the severe sand storm

Where are the ten additional street lights the council six weeks ago ordered put up and water committee to have located and erected Water street is badly in need of a few lights

The funeral services over the remains of Wm Bates Welch will be held at the family residence 119 Second between Ninth and Seventh to day at 2 o'clock P M Friends invited Services at the grave private

AMATEUR THEATRICALS

Last Saturday evening an amateur theatrical performance was given at the theater at Vancouver barracks Robertson s splendid comedy of Caste was produced with the following cast of characters

The Hon George D Alroy	Wm J Volkmar
Capt. Arthur Hautree	Wm A Kimball
Eccles	Albert Todd
Samuel Gerridge	G A. Woodruff
Marquise de St. Maur	Mrs Lew C Poole
Polly	Mrs C H Hunter
Esther	Mrs W F Rice

From every point of view the performance was a complete success The ladies in the audience adopted the very sensible and commendable plan of attending without headgear

MARRIAGES LAST MONTH.

County Clerk Church issued marriage licenses during January for the following parties

3—Jennie Stephens 23, W J Doyle 32.
3—Cora E. Sprague 16, Barnett Popejoy 30
5—Minnie Techon 26, J C. Elliott 24
5—Mattie H. Tuston 39, Jeremiah Williams 40
5—M Loller 23, M L Pratt 38
5—M A. Caples 22, H. Hale 30
7—Sarah Labowitch 35, M Labowitzh 47
8—Ellie J Deardorff 19, L T Lovelace 25
8—Gertrude Kimbling 18, A. L. Speake 24
10—Anna Reade 30, A. Stowasser 51.
11—E E. Stilson 19, F M Stout 28.
11—Nancy Roork 48, J N Roberts 51
11—Dora Schrader 22, F. W Tubesing 30.
12—Hattie Harris 24, E L. Woodworth 30.
14—Caroline Carr 44, W. D Inman 45
12 M R. Black 50, A. J Woodworth 58.
13—A. McGuigan 38, Wm. Tappenden 36
13—L E. S Hadlock 52, B F Taylor 60.
13—Mary Utter 15, Axel Johnson 23.
14—Emma Meyer 25, Max Otto 36.
14—Eliza Yocom 38, Allen Bradford 38.
15—Emma Meldrin 27, Fred W Smith 40.
18—Amanda Yeager 28, E E Hinman 32
18—Rebecca Davies 24, M. Summerfield 28
19—Dora M. Wise 21, Wm Winter 27.
19—Alice M Harvey 38, G H. Deardorff 38.
19—Etta M Hill 21, F E Chambers 23.
19—M. A Comstock 37, L B. Welsh 56
20—V. L. Hosford 23, E. T Peterson 28.
20—E. Sylvester 50, L C. Gibson 54
20—Ida M. Cantill 17, A. T Ryman 22.
24—F B Barnett 24, B. W. Thomas 23
25—Helen E. Reynolds 21, C H. Wilcox 32
25—G A. Sands 14, T C Spence 28.
26—Rena Downing 33, S E

COMMERCIAL.

MONDAY Jan 31

Overland receipts include 251 disbarbed wire, 3,9 bxs soap, 50 hf ctns hams 60 cs milk, 75 cs macaroni, 25 cs vermicelli, 13 cs shirts, 2 cs gloves, 4 cs hosiery 15 cs millinery 1 cs ribbons, 3 ctes busties, 2 cs buttons, 3 cs jerseys, 2 cs clocks, 12 wash machines, 35 cs axes.

The supply of wheat in sight in the United States (exclusive of California and Oregon) and Canada is given by telegraph January 21 as 61,849,712 bushels, a decrease for a week of 115,000 bushels

During January there was shipped to Denver 1843 bxs green apples and to Butte City 400 bxs.

Among lumber receipts from the Puget sound section during January was 32 cars for Denver, 6 for Spokane, 3 for Helena, 2 for Stteamboat, and 1 each for Bozeman, Pendleton, Portland and Salem. Shingle receipts included 8 cars for Denver, 7 for Portland, 1 each for Pendleton, The Dalles, Salt Lake and Arlington and 2 for Butte City

Shipments eastward by rail for January included 103,300 lbs wool, 290,410 lbs hops, 1370 lbs dried fruit, 5 sks cabbage seed, 25 bxs smoked salmon, 4 bls furs, 3 bls deerskins, 47 bls dry hides 3250 cs salmon, 3 hf bbls 2 kits & 1 sack salmon. The wool went to Boston, the dry hides to New York Of the hop shipments 171 065 lbs were Puget sound growth. Chicago took 100,923 lbs, Cincinnati 11 753 Milwaukee 20,460, Philadelphia 10,065, New York 71,481, Troy 1957, Albany 14,531 St. Louis 37,452 St Paul 1856 lbs, the remainder going to various points. Salmon shipments included 750 cs O T Styers's Puget Sound brand 525 cs Coleman & Co 650 cs Pillar Rock and 725 cs Warren 650 cs going to St. Louis, 650 cs to Chicago, 300 cs to Cleveland and 75 cs to Pittsburg

PRODUCE RECEIPTS—Past forty-eight hours 2232 ctls wheat, 1674 bbls flour, 3836 ctls oats 340 ctls bran, 1505 ctls millstuff, 395 sks potatoes, 40 lbs wool, 492 lbs hides, 4 cs butter, 33 cs eggs 943 bxs fruit, 92 bxs dried fr 183 sks onions 109 sheep 32 cattle 100 hogs. Also from the eastern section, 2300 ctls wheat, 5140 lbs hides, 82 sheep

Receipts of certain articles of produce by principal transportation routes for January this and last year, compare as follows

	January, 1887			1886
ARTICLES	Valley	Eastern	Total	Total
Wheat, ctls	14,510	183 260	330,700	2 7 841
Flour, bbls.	22 201	14 750	36 15	45 038
Oats, ctls	20 215		20 215	25 149
Barley, ctls	728		728	2 221
Bran, ctls	2 [illegible]		[illegible]	1,2 9
Millstuff, ctls	9 362	1,460	11 792	8 851
Potatoes sks	6 893		6 893	7 510
Wool, lbs	1 137	1 450	2 58	23 079
Hides, lbs.	5 810	54 458	60 2 8	1 2 0 0
Hops lbs	220,492		220 822	2,9 492
Lime, bbls	650		650	225
Flaxseed, sks		1 176	1 76	995
Gr. Fruit, bxs	14,903		14 903	4 2 4
Eggs, cs	1 051	4	1 0 5	1 105
Butter, pkgs	172		1 9	215

IMPORTS—From San Francisco per steamer Columbia included 300 bf 217 bbls 240 bxs 1710 sks sugar, 30 cs 10 bbls tea 65 cs coffee, 150 pkgs tea 90 bbls 1000 sks salt, 50 bbls 18 cs 110 bags pickles, 37 sks 138 mats rice 68 sks beans 452 cs canned goods, 6 bbls 14 cs soda, 35 bxs soap 69 cs baking powder, 89 cs extract 125 cs candles 50 cs codfish, 5 ctes chocolate, 135 cs paste, 70 cs spice, 25 cs 5 bbls meal, 331 ctns matches, 134 cs wash powder 8 sacks nuts, 47 cs candy, 6 cs cheese, 18 cs honey 88 cs 16 hf 5 bbls butter, 23 bxs fruit, 27 bxs oranges, 10 cs limes, 13 cs bananas, 106 pkgs vegetables, 60 cs lemons, 49 bxs seed 204 bxs dried fruit, 547 boxes raisins, 10 bbls vinegar, 10 cs lard, 110 bls bags, 12 bbls twine, 5 cs hats, 31 bls bagging, 51 cs boots and shoes, 30 bbls plaster, 8 bbls pitch, 77 kegs shoes, 2 bbls hops, 100 sks coal, 3 cs paint, 8 bbls oil, 254 bxs glass, 271 pkgs iron, 22 bars steel, 587 kegs nails, 132 cls wire, 138 cls rope, 5 cs tobacco 39 cs cigars. Also for Alaska 40 hf bbls sugar, 4 cs coffee, 5 bbls salt, 185 mats rice, 26 cs canned goods, 31 cs meal, 15 cs fish, 15 cs candies, 200 bxs soap 4 bbls vinegar, 9 cs butter, 10 cs dried fruit 112 bls twine 2 cs hats, 9 cs shoes, 50 sks barley, 90 bags shot, 6 bbls oil, 42 cls rope.

EXPORTS—To San Francisco per steamer Oregon, 9175 ctls wheat 5626 ctls oats 4240 hf 3910 qr sks flour, 250 ctls barley 4 sks wool, 1075 sks millstuffs, 7 sks horseradish, 1500 bdls potatoes, 45 sks 163 ctes onions, 98 bbls 1400 lbs apples, 2 bxs dried fruit, 8 cs mastiffs, 2 cs furs, 3 bls pelts, 69 sks bones, 11 bls junk, 3 bbls copper, 77 cook stoves, 168 pkgs hollowware 87 salt hides, 1000 bdls laths, 12 cs tallow, 100 bbls Alaska oil.

WHEAT—Foreign markets quiet, eastern low and San Francisco rather firm The local market is almost inactive, but very little business going

FLOUR—Standards quotable $4 25, some choice brands $4, the figure named this morning by mistake. Yesterday's steamer carried a large quantity.

OATS—Receipts noted all for shipment. The market is quiet, with an easy tone

BUTTER—California roll selling down to 21c supplies large.

CABBAGE—Higher, at 2½c

ORANGES—The range is $@$2 57

LEMONS—Sicily, $5 50

EGGS—Quiet at 20c.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK Jan 31 —Government bonds were dull and steady In stocks first prices showed irregular changes from Saturday's final figures which, however, were small fractions either way A few slight advances were made in early dealings but the market very soon yielded and under the lead of Jersey Central Lackawanna and Richmond & West Point showed weakness during the first half hour The market thereafter was extremely dull, without feature of any kind and but insignificant changes in valuations Shortly before 2 P M, when a bear raid followed some life into transactions, a decided break took place Before 2 15 and later the market sagged off small fractions and closed weak and generally small fractions below that the lowest figures of the day Sales, 229 444 shares.

MONEY BONDS AND STOCKS.

NEW YORK Jan 31 —Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent, closing 2@2½ Prime mercantile paper 5@6½ Sterling exchange firm at 84 84½ for 60 day bills, $4 81¾ for demand

BONDS			
4s	120	4½s (coupon)	110¾
4s (coupon)	125½	6s Pacific 95	126
STOCKS			
American Express	108	N Y Central	111¾
Canadian Pacific	63	Oregon Navigation	84
Kansas & Texas	25	Transcontinental	10
Central Pacific	36	Improvement	1
Rio Grande	24	Pacific Mail	50
Erie	30½	Texas Pacific	2.4
Kansas & Texas	28¾	Union Pacific	58¾
Northern Pacific	28¾	U S Express	6.
N P Preferred	56¼	Fargo Express	128
Northwestern	111¾	Western Union	71¾

MONEY MARKET.

LONDON Jan 31 —Consols 100 13 16 Bank of England rate of interest 5 per cent Silver bullion per ounce 47d

NEW YORK, Jan 31 —Silver bullion per ounce 102½ Sterling exchange long $4 86 short $4 88½ U S bonds 3s 100, 4s 128½, 4½s 110¾

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 31 —Transfers 22½ Sterling exchange, 60 days, $4 84½@4 84¾, documentary $4 83¾@4 84

SAN FRANCISCO MINING STOCKS REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO Jan 31 —The market opened steadier for the leading stocks with considerable activity in the middle stocks led by Hale & Norcross, which advanced $3 over closing prices Saturday Outside of this stock the advance was fractional On afternoon call the feeling was weaker and prices off

Con. Cal. & Va.	21 00	Benton	30
Best & Belcher	9 00	Ophir	10 50
Hale & Norcross	6 50	Dunbar	1
Sierra Nevada	4 50	Savage	6 37
Gould & Curry	4 50	Potosi	7 75
N. Belcher	3 25	Utah	4 75
Yellow Jacket	4 75	Bullion	1 50
Mexican	5 00	Alta	1 31
Justice	90	Andes	90
Peerless	60		

MINING SHARES

NEW YORK Jan 31 —Mining shares were dull and lower closing at the following prices bid Bulwer $1, Caledonia 5 H $1 20 Homestake $6 50 Horn Silver $1 45 Hale & Norcross $6 Iron Silver $4 50, Mono $2 35 Sierra Nevada $1 Standard $1 20 Savage 85 Sutro Tunnel 18 Union Consolidated $8 90

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS

SAN FRANCISCO Jan 31 —Weather thick, wind northwest

Legerwe—Wheat, 12,000 ctls Hour 5000 sks Barley 4,000 ctls oats 10 ctls potatoes 1400 sks

Freights—Grain tonnage neglected, Lumber buy demand The ship Ocean King loads coal at Nanaimo for San Francisco. Tonnage statement In port engaged for grain 2,900 tons disengaged 31,200 tons Rated to arrive 168 000 tons.

Wheat—No sale There is a moderate demand but offerings are small and but few important transactions reported by exporters. No 1 shipping nominal $1 57½@1 40 a sale of choice milling reported at $1 62½ Futures very active buyer season $1 60@1 62½

Barley—Steady and quiet No 1 feed spot $1 12½@1 15. Buyer the season $1 10

Oats—Buyers still show little disposition to pay present prices and talk a lower range Oregon about $1 40@1 50

Potatoes—Unchanged stocks are liberal fair demand for choice.

Dairy products—Weak

Millstuff—Unaltered

Wool—Quiet but firm.

Hops—Dull.

Wheat—Closed $1 65½, buyer season $1 buyer year

Stocks in city warehouses—Wheat 11 000 tons barley, 19,100 tons oats 1800 tons

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31 —Wheat, lower opened February 77¾c March 78c April 83¾c May A noon, 77c February 77¼c March, 78¼c April 83¾c May Closed 77½c February 77¾c March 78¾c April, 83¾c May

Pork, 8½@8¾ February lard $6 4½ February ribs, 56 2½ February short ribs $6 60 cash

NEW YORK MARKETS

NEW YORK Jan. 31 —Wheat, weaker opened 91¾c February, 92½c March, 93¾c April, At noon, 91¼c cash and February 92¼c March, 93¾c April, 95¾c May. Closed 91¾c February, 93¾c March, 95¾c April, 96¾c May

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Cattle—Receipts 800, slow, heavy and dull, shipping steers, 950 to 1500 pounds, $3 40@4 95 stockers and feeders, $2 40@3 80 Texas cattle, $2 50@3 85

Hogs—Receipts 20 000 strong, rough and mixed, $4 40@4 90 packing and shipping, $4 70@5 15, light, $4 35@4 90

Sheep—Receipts 3000, strong, natives $3@5 Western, $3 50@4 75, Texans, $2 50@4, lambs, $4@6

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW YORK Jan. 31 —Copper, dull, lake 11½ Lead—Dull, common, 4½ Hops—Quiet.

Coffee—Fair, Rio, dull at 14¾c options steady and moderately active Sales 37 000 bags February $13 15, March and April $12 90@13 10, May $12 85@13 05.

Sugar—Steady refined, dull and easy C 4½@4¾c Extra C 4¾@4¾c white Extra C, 5c Standard 5 5-16c powdered, 6@6¼c granulated 5 13-16@5¾c.

PETROLEUM

NEW YORK Jan 31 —Petroleum opened weak at 70 advanced to 70¾, declined to 69½ and closed at that Sales 1 598,000 barrels

Foreign Markets.

SESSIONAL.

LONDON Jan 31—Weather favorable for growing crops Cargoes off coast, quiet. Cargoes on passage, quiet but steady Mark Lane wheat and flour weaker Provincial country markets, quiet. Farmers deliveries past week. Wheat, 48,000 qrs average price paid 35s 6d per qr

LONDON, Jan. 31 5 P M —English country markets quiet. California cargoes nearly due 37s prompt shipment 36s 9d

LIVERPOOL, Jan 31 —Spot wheat weaker on holders, March 7s 8½d April 7s 7½d May 7s 8½d June, 7s 8¾d

PARIS, Jan 31 —Spot wheat and flour rather easier

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

SHIPPING NOTES

The collier Umatilla arrived up to-day from Seattle. She was detained three days outside by rough weather

The Columbia reports a rough bar when crossing in Sunday A small port even with main deck through which the ash chute is run was closed, but the water tore the lid from the hinges threw it upon the hurricane deck cutting a small hole through the same This is mentioned as a little play on the part of the water Near Rainier the steamer was detained nearly an hour by a snow storm

Five vessels are at bar anchorage and three at Astoria bound out

The Columbia sails at 81 M Friday four hours ahead of usual time

The Oregon reached Astoria yesterday after noon She did not cross out that day and the out look for her getting out to day was not at all favorable

The Fudora will finish loading to morrow

DOMESTIC PORTS

SAN FRANCISCO Jan 31 —Arrived—Str Wellington Departure bay

PORT TOWNSEND Jan 30 — Arrived — Bkt Fresno San Francisco January 31—Str City of Topeka San Francisco ship Dashing Wave Tacoma.

TACOMA Jan 1 —Arrived—Str City of Topeka, San Francisco

ASTORIA Jan 30 —Str Oregon arrived down 8 15 A M to leave out Monday Tartine arrived down with Br bk Matsterna 11 20 A M yesterday Str Columbia fr 11 A M left up this afternoon Str Umatilla in this afternoon January 31 —Wire down

THE HOTELS.

ESMOND

G B Johnson & wf Chicago
H C Simeons San Fran
H M Grant do
J B Fowler do
J G Fowler do
Thos J Stowe, do
Mrs Bates, do
Geo Piper, Albany
D Farmer, Salem
J C Tompkins, do
John Roebeck Corvallis
E B DeWitt, New York
—Above Doctrs Legion
Emma Abbott & maid
Sig Montegrifo & wf
F Micheleus
Wm Pruette

C Ross Detroit
A Morass, do
C Linderman, Albany
Jas Jones Astoria
W W Rankine Oregon
A Lefevre, Dayton
E L Harris do
C N Proul, Business Pt
Mrs Shaw, Vancouver
S P Dickson Lebanon
R R Stone, Astoria
T Hicks Boston
Corps Company
E J Wetherell
Miss Annandale
Sig Tonnasi
Miss Grace Vernon

QUIMBY.

J Cunningham San Fran
W Wilson do
S L Pratt, do
M Leyne, do
Chas Phillis, do
Mrs Stewart, do
F B Wright, do
W Mesic do
J C Land do
W H Brown do
C E McKee, do
Chas J White, do
W McArdle, do
K McFarland, do
A D Ross, Texas
David Evans Salem, Texas
W L Taylor, St Paul
J H Darling, Or City
Frank Zeigler, Spokane
Ed Paulser, do
J H Robertson, N Y
C B Yeaman Tacoma
Ed Copps Roseburg
M C Shiltz, Baird's ruch
Ch Wilson Portland
J C Wilson Gervais Or
J Winslow Tacoma
A W Ely do
Miss Blakely Corvallis
Miss Hobbs do
N C Smith Eugene City
Jake Smith Astoria
G W Hall Dakota
W Conner, Olympia
Geo Nelson Scappoose

Mrs McDonald San Fran
A Johnson, do
C Canada, do
John Tower do
J W Hart, do
J Graham, do
E M Brown do
W W Wallace do
Walter Overman, do
W J Oates do
C E Morris do
W H Russ do
H N Hill, do
C H Young, Ontario
A G Rahlan, do
W J Brown, Lewiston
M Lelpold, Iowa City
Miss Lebold, do
T Berry, Montana
C Wheeler, do
S Vincent, N P R R
Miss Dolly Barnhard Salem
Geo Lee, Salem
T Gibbons, Wash ton co
Chas Sales do
S o Youngman West Side
J G Haynes, O R & Co
F H Ambrews, Tacoma
Miss Emma Postal Tel Co
A A Jack do
Wm Gill Past Portland
Wm Gleason West Side
Ned Wellman Seattle

Emma Abbott Opera company
J D Dyas, Salem
F A Torpy
Geo A Smith
J Crain
H Dallas
Sig Borovich
W W Boyer
Walter Allen

ST CHARLES.

J Link Near City
J C Tolman Oakland
S Commerford do
C M Price, Oroville
F B Smith Helena
J W Owen Eugene
W Thorpe, do
G P Mulcahy Mich
W A Benarrell, City
J H Rice & wf Victoria
Mrs A M Rice, do
C H Page Astoria
F R Coggshall & wf, Eureka
F Lange Nanaimo
W B Gallcher Salem
A W Beach do
H Smith Eugene
K A Robinson, Sprague
Mrs W H Snow Seattle
W D Hare Hillsboro
A Moore St Helens
J M McGowen Maple Dl
O Olson Freeport
J M Hays do

M Lolls Newport
H C Daniels San Fran
Mrs C A Lambkin do
H N Jones do
J R Hall, Is Grande
F Satherlin Oakland
S Marsham Vancouver
J M Dutton & wf do
I Stannus Lewiston
J L Sinclair & wf Eureka
I Dow & wf do
Miss H Wetherbee Eagle Cliff
Mrs W Hume do
Miss Wetherbee do
T J Black, Halsey
A Walford Silverton
Miss Smith Freeport
Miss Buckley, Cascades
W M Crisp, Fishers
A Johnson & wf, Dallas
J H Chitwood Amity
J S Ringerson Rainier
S S Miles & wf Union
J A French Chicago

GILSEY

The Bellinger San Fran
C L Chamberlin W T
J Martin Huntsville
M W Murray Alaska
Mrs Parish & dr Salem
W B Reynolds U S A
A H Merrill do
A Hunter, do
R Russell Chicago
Col S McConihe U S A
James V Martin San Fr
Mrs Jas V Martin do
A H Siegel do

W T Holland St Louis
C R Reynolds, Vance W T
D McPherson, Seattle
John McPherson do
A Ostrosko New York
Mrs W B Reynolds, Vance
Mrs R Hillsbourne do
H F Flood, San Francisco
Mrs F W Townsend do
Henry Alkan do
C Lowell do
F J Friedmant do
W H Christie city

BOSTON

A S Levy New York
Chas H Carter, do
Walter Jackson Portland
Robt Smith Pleasant Hill
W J Deet Lasiter
C S Nelson Eagle Grove
J D Holton, Court Alen
H R Paxton Victoria
F W Winters do
F J McCall Albany

W T Holland St Louis
John A Black, San Fran
A O Garland, do
I Groves Dallas
A C Fish Racine
J Porter Forest Gr
M I Dearborn London
J B Desmond Cleveland
J I Reed San Jose

INTERNATIONAL.

C H Johnson San Fran
J J Kane do
H J Donnelly do
J McMahon do
J Asher do
L G Read do
C Hall do
J Nickerson do
J Fuller & wife do
W Jessedon do
J Hamel do
M G Hicks do
F Lawrence do
D Rose Iowa
David Evans Salem
W L Taylor, St Paul
J H Darling, Or City
Ed Paulser, do
J H Robertson, N Y
C B Yeaman Tacoma
J d Copps Roseburg
M C Shiltz, Baird's ruch
Ch Wilson Portland
J C Wilson Gervais Or
J Winslow Tacoma
A W Ely do
Miss Blakely Corvallis
Miss Hobbs do
N C Smith Eugene City
Jake Smith Astoria
G W Hall Dakota
W Conner, Olympia
Geo Nelson Scappoose

Wm Wilson Portland
Jas Farnum do
Wm McCormick do
Emma Abbott Opera company
Miss F Mortimer
Adorel Sisters
Miss Maddox
Miss Bedico
Miss W A Brown
Mrs E De lins
Geo Kenny,

J D Dyas, Salem
F A Torpy
Geo A Smith
J Crain
H Dallas
Sig Borovich
W W Boyer
Walter Allen

THE LEGISLATURE.

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ties to the effect that the road was completed and they were thereby entitled to the land granted On the other hand it is claimed that the Oregon Pacific has set up in the courts as defense in a case pending that the road is not yet completed The resolution introduced therefore seems to be for the purpose of ascertaining is the road finished to completion or is it not."

Incidentally a question will probably come up as to the constitutionality of the bill exempting the Oregon Pacific from taxation

On suggestion of Lee and approved by Barin the resolution was ordered printed

NEW BILLS

No 149, Cartwright—Amending Dalles city charter and providing for the construction by the city of a bridge across the Columbia river, at a cost of $25 000 the money to be raised by local tax Under suspension of the rules the bill was passed Cartwright explained that there was a resolution accompanying the bill from the city council and The Dalles board of trade, showing that it was just what the people wanted

No 150 Coleman—To allow legal voters of Lane county to vote at the next general election on the adoption of a law to prevent swine from running at large in that county passed under suspension of the rules

No 151 Shupe—Amending the Oakland charter Shupe said the object was to make property improve the streets, and he had a petition from a majority of the property owners asking for the passage of the bill as the tax levied now was not sufficient for this purpose The bill was passed under suspension of the rules

No 152 Stanley—Amending the Jacksonville charter read twice

No 153—Amending the Portland charter so that the city auditor shall receive no salary while acting as clerk of the board of police commissioners passed under suspension of the rules

No 154, Shupe—To relieve the property and relatives of persons committed to the insane asylum from payment of their keeping after commitment, judiciary committee

No 155—Providing for the construction of a lyke across Isthmus slough Coos county passed under suspension of the rules Shelin explained that this was merely to correct a bill passed at the special session last fall that the bill was drawn from a map then made and the man who made the map got in to the wrong section and had the dyke running into a hill The object now was to pass a measure so that the dyke could be run into the water

No 156 Hare—Giving the time of holding court in the Fifth judicial district, as follows Clatsop county third Mondays in February June and September Washington county third Monday in March and fourth Monday in November Tlacka mas county third Monday in April and first Monday in November, passed under suspension of the rules

No 157, Cartwright—Abolishing free scholarships in the state university

Adjourned at 4 30 P M

OLEOMARGARINE

PORTLAND Jan 31

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

As your columns are open to the discussion of questions and subjects now pending before our state legislature I would like to offer a few suggestions upon the subject of the heading of this article Governor Lamoyer in his inaugural message with an eye to economy and economy only intimated that inasmuch as the federal law relating to this subject was extended over Oregon our state law and the office of dairy commissioner might be abolished I have heard the same opinion expressed by others to a very limited extent Evidently those holding such opinion have not thoroughly investigated the subject and given it that careful attention which its importance demands I understand federal laws are of a general nature and national in their character States are expected to govern themselves and enact laws suited to their particular wants so they do not conflict with the interests of other state or national laws For the convenience in the administration of law the state is divided up into counties townships and cities the latter with delegated authority to enact and administer such laws and regulations as their particular wants and locality may demand It is not the business of the general government to come to Oregon any more than it would be the business of Gov Pennoyer to come to Portland to regulate our city affairs We must look after our own affairs ourselves It will not be done by the federal government

The national law regulates the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine and butter imitations Our state does not intend further than this supervision over the honest dairy and regulates milk supplied to our towns and cities I use the term honest dairy to distinguish it from all our domestic animals from a bogus manufacture President Cleveland in a message to congress when he signed the bill, pointed out defects and recommended that they be remedied We have no assurance that the necessary amendments will be made. Congress is a large unwieldy body and has before it many matters demanding legislation many of which will receive more attention Our state legislature does not meet again for two years Suppose we abolish the state law and office of dairy commissioner what will be the consequences Before three months we would be flooded with oleomargarine and the dairy interests of our state driven to the wall. The federal officers would be powerless under the present federal law in which there is no provision whereby an analysis may be made How can a conviction for vending a bogus article be made without a chemical analysis?

Our federal revenue officers may feel a positive certainty they have arrested the bogus article but when they come into court they have got to prove it or no conviction is had If conviction cannot be made the law has no terrors But some argue, The people don't use it Now they won't if they know it It is made so deceive, it is often offen deceive even experts If we abolish the law who is going to stand sentinel and warn the people Who's going to look after it Another reason why the federal law is the hotels not require hotels boarding houses restaurants etc to publicly advertise that they use the bogus article Our state law requires it and it is a strong point The state law was passed two years ago and the dairy commissioner appointed in March of that year

Now let us see whether the law has been of any benefit

At that time there was plenty of oleomargarine here The honest dairy was way down under a terrible depression tons of butter at no more than final figures and the best qualities about 12 cents the average price of the product did not probably exceed 10 cents Within four months after the law went into operation oleomargarine had disappeared and sought its hiding places and under the ferret like influence of our dairy commissioner it was either strangled in those hiding places or driven from the state The wolf at the door question watching the clock below oleomargarine is warning the opportunity to return and will surely return if we leave the bars down Before the close of the first year the honest dairy had begun to look and improved and the next year has been a prosperous one and prices have ruled at respectable living figures, averaging 20 to 25 cents It is safe to assume and entirely within bounds to assert that the average advance in prices of a year's product has been 10 cents per pound We have no data to determine accurately the annual consumption of butter in the state but it is believed to be about 7 000,000 pounds So at an advance of 10 cents per pound we have the sum of $ 00 00 saved to the dairy interest of the state under the operation of the law and distributed among the farmers which would otherwise be en sent out of the state and much of it been paid for a bogus article It is $ 00 00 saved at a cost of $2700 to the state Surely we can not afford to repeal the law but should by all means add to it amendments which experience has proved necessary to render it more effective

Nor can we afford to abolish the office of dairy commissioner Of what use is a law without an officer to execute it You may say it is the business of the prosecuting attorney

Past experience proves that the prosecuting attorneys are very busy men and have many matters to look after, too many to give this subject the attention its importance demands There is one of the great interests of the state that within a few years overshadow any other one of our industries one in which a majority of the population have a vital interest The interests are too great and the duties to be performed too numerous to be entrusted to the ordinary administrators of the law Hence the necessity of the dairy commissioner whose particular business it is to administer this law

Already in addition to the Northern Dairy Association since this law went into operation the doings of the dairy commission have been discussed and the defects of the law and a deep interest manifested at the various meetings of the association At our last meeting a committee was appointed to draw up the necessary amendments and to secure their introduction and passage by the legislature

Our state as per reports our citizens from fraud in the honest dairy as well as the bogus and I expect once proven this is necessary and when proven in such cases we do not come under the jurisdiction of the federal officers There seems to be but one opinion among persons well informed on this subject and that is that the law should be properly amended and continued and the office of dairy commissioner continued to execute it

J K PHILLIS

President of the Northwest Dairy Association

MILITIA LAW SUMMED UP BILL EXAMINED

PORTLAND Jan 31

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

For some years the necessity for a better militia law than that now existing has been apparent to everyone taking the pains to examine the matter

Now that the Sewall bill giving $400 000 annually to the militia of the several states has become a law the necessity for a state law to model her military law is really urgent If she would receive the full benefit of the Federal bounty The office of adjutant general should be restored at once and filled by some experienced and capable man and the whole military establishment of the state should be better organized and made more efficient On this subject it is scarcely necessary to present argument A good organized and well disciplined militia is a very expensive luxury however little it may seem to cost and it always proves to be a burden to the people in time of peace

While legislation is very much needed, the state should not rush into experimental and crude attempts to remove the defects of the present law Before one of the last states to attempt the organization of the militia she can and should avoid the costly experiments of her older sisters. It is possible to put her militia if she will properly avail herself of the proffered national aid on a good basis at no greater expenditure of public funds than is now made

In connection with many other citizens I hoped that some safe and practical law would be enacted by the present legislature

Mr Summers of the Multnomah delegation presents a bill for the more efficient organization, etc, of the militia. But after giving it a careful examination I candidly believe that it should not be passed It lacks consistency in parts expert meanness, and wholly crumsy and crude I have no doubt it is the best the limited knowledge and experience of the author could prepare but it would be a grave mistake to think it even good enough for a beginning

It starts out with the grave assertion that the militia exists by authority of the constitution of the State and then recites the whole of Art 1 of the constitution of the United States which is simply a work of supererogation proper enough in the compilation of a military code, but not necessary to a mere legislative enactment

The first article of the bill provides for listing all persons liable to military duty It is essentially the same as that now existing and has been found to be defective that a correct enrollment under its provisions is impracticable For years such states as have similar laws have been pummeled to extract the number of persons liable to military duty When it was desired to make a reliable enrollment a better plan was adopted A correct enrollment is very desirable when the general government calls on a state to furnish a quota of men based on the whole number liable to military duty A good effective law for enrollment should be provided and need not cost a penny more to execute it than to attempt an enrollment under so defective a law as this has been found

The second article classifies the militia and provides for exemptions It is no improvement on the present law save in name

The third article starts off with the provision that the governor shall be commander in chief See art 6 of the constitution And then follows a

This article is a crude jumble and grossly unconstitutional The constitution expressly gives the governor absolute power to appoint the adjutant general and all other officers of the general staff and his own staff where this article limits that power by and with the consent of the senate It also grants the state into a single brigade and divides the militia into brigades, regimental districts at pleasure One purpose of an organized militia is to give military training to officers and privates in such duties as they would have to perform in time of war The militia of a state division should not be ignored while from geographical and topographical considerations there should be room made for the organization of more than one brigade in the state A still greater fault in the legislature should fix the regimental districts as contemplated by the constitution and not delegate its power to a military board

The second section of this article is couple nous for its ambiguity of language It gives the term of enlistment at five years which many think should be but four years

The fourth article creates a military board and imposes upon it certain duties to be done by and entirely belonging to the adjutant general and then qualifies that by the following clause "except as upon the legislative assembly"

This military board is given authority to purchase any supply any regulation etc having all force of legislative enactment that it thinks necessary

Passing over the obscurity resting upon what style of arm and what coat of arms a militia man and several other small things that must ever remain obscure to the intelligence as well as the layman the provision made for the militia in actual service in the state is fixed by the twenty third section and just nobody for the crude unprocessed provisions for the convening of courts martial we will look at I will take the second section of this article and the thirty second of the bill I provide that in case of invasion insurrection or imminent danger thereof within the vicinity of any regiment battalion or company the commanding officer of such battalion regiment or company shall order out such number of the militia as he may deem necessary for the defense of the state What a thing across! Lower this may be found to delegate to a militia captain or subaltern having a vital bloodless power to call out the whole militia of the state

But it is the next two sections that bring us to the climax of military judicial, legislative executive sapience They provide that the sheriff of any county of any city think there is imminent danger of any breach of the peace tumult riot or resistance to process in this state shall call for aid upon the commanding officer of any regiment battalion or company and fixes a penalty of fine and imprisonment not to be inflicted upon any such commanding officer as shall refuse to obey such call Any person disobeying such a penalty of fine and imprisonment to be inflicted upon any such commanding officer as shall refuse to obey such call Any person disobeying such a call may be fined not less than $10 nor more than $100 and imprisoned not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days

It is readily seen that the militia force of the state may thus be used as a posse comitatus and be liable, in any county, to be called to any other county in the state Should a sheriff of Lane county in a tumult may call upon Captain Beebe of Company A in Portland to bring his command at once to Baker City

The school boys of the state could furnish larger chunks of wisdom than any hidden in these sections It is not probable that any legislature could be convened in this state that would give us any such crude, dangerous and wholly needless legislation Throw out this knock down that military board strike out what repeats and what is in conflict with the general law of the state, and what is already provided for and there will remain little else than the title of the bill This should be done I write with the experience of quite thirty years on the frontier and in the army and navy of the United States and with a knowledge of militia affairs of the states and territories of the older states and that this bill would inflict many of them upon us and wholly defeat its own purpose

In this view I am far from standing alone Officers and citizens having examined the bill carefully say it should not pass in the shape it is and it is not worth amending The legislature needs a good self administrative militia law and until such a law is presented, should pass none at all

J K PHILLIS

THE RAILWAY LEASE

PORTLAND Jan 31

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

Senate bills Nos 31 and 58 introduced by Mr Simon are understood to be intended to authorize the Railway & Navigation Co to lease the road to the Union Pacific

I am and always have been an earnest advocate of a through line to Portland on this route I now think such action should be given for the lease when the terms are definitely understood and when these terms are designated so that the state may know with whom it is dealing and upon what terms It has bills give us no such information With respect to numbers and parties or roads there is no information Would the companies now or hereafter in Oregon or proposing business in Oregon may combine under these bills This very lease intended by the legislature may be defeated and the people for and thereby thrown into other hands wholly inimical to the best interests of Oregon

It is impossible to understand the purport of these bills from their face It must be by careful examination and comparison of the acts amended I have made this examination and without hesitation say emphatically that their provisions are the most dangerous to the interests of Oregon of any measures ever proposed in our legislature If the Union Pacific was tied the sanction of the state to such a lease why have they not presented its petition to the legislature and agreed upon the terms and terms of the lease Oregon I have no doubt, is ready to facilitate such a movement

I shall not say more than is needful to develop the underground workings of this measure but circumstances just now will not permit it

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